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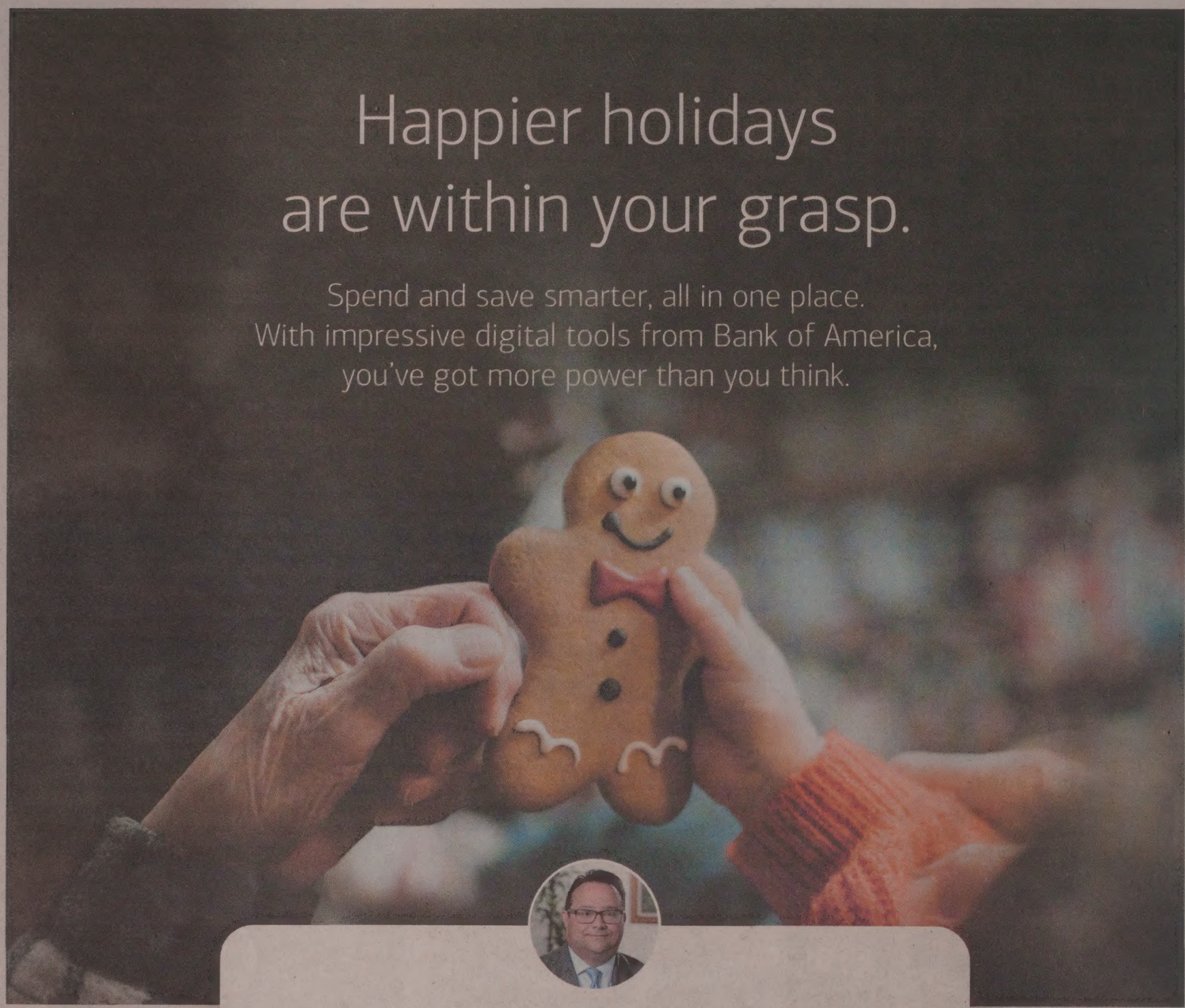

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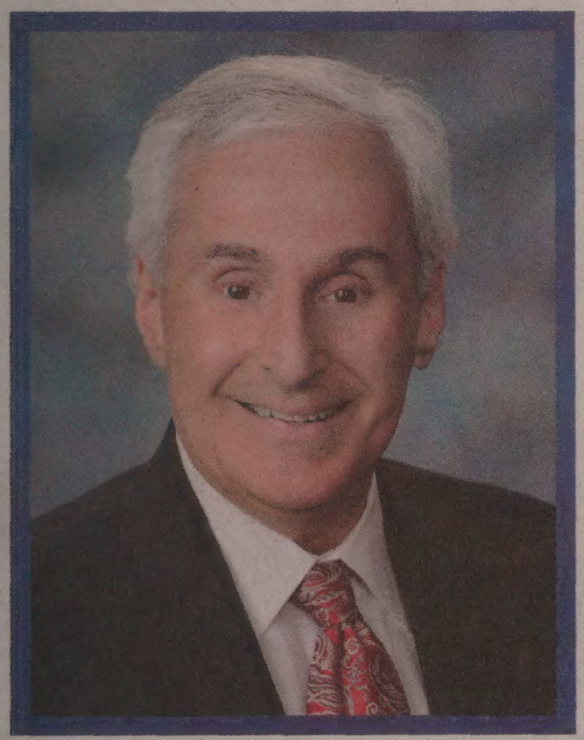

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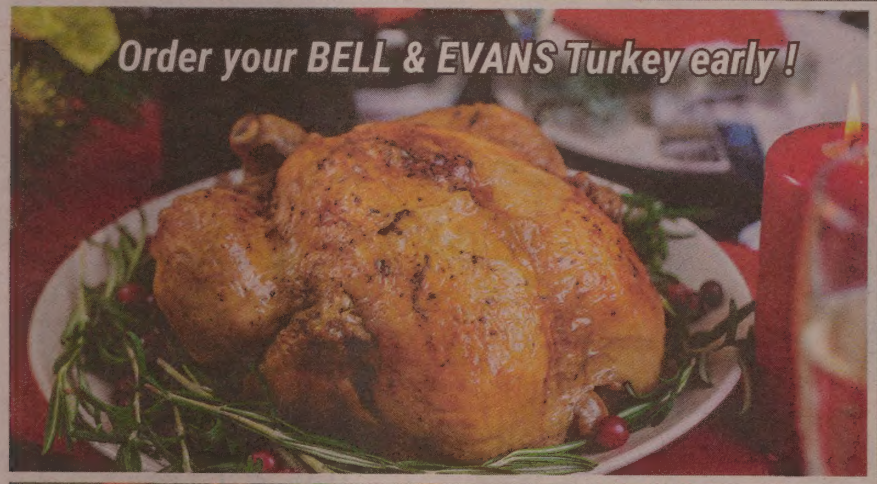

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According to the *New York Daily News*, East Hampton resident **Jay-Z** is part of a group of investors who want to build Caesars Palace Times Square, a first-ever full-scale casino at 1515 Broadway near Seventh Avenue in Manhattan. A native of Brooklyn, the rap mogul and his company Roc Nation have teamed up with Caesars Entertainment and SL Green to open the gaming facility. The business endeavor was announced December 5 during SL Green's annual investor conference, Complex.com reported. Investors are proposing that the casino could bring in an additional 7 million visitors a year to Times Square, and that would include 600,000 more overnight visits to local hotels, and more than $166 million being spent by nearby retail shoppers. The proposal also suggests the casino could boost ticket sales for Broadway shows. Said Jay-Z in a statement to Complex.com, "New York is a beacon, the epicenter of culture. We have the opportunity to create a destination at the heart of Times Square, the crossroads of the world."

Sag Harbor resident **Don Lemon** is sharing his opinion on the **T.J. Holmes** and **Amy Robach** affair, following the two *Good Morning America* anchors reportedly getting together after breakups with their spouses. In a new interview, the CNN star says all anyone needs to know is, "I know T.J. I worked with T.J. at CNN, so I have nothing but love for him. I hope he's OK. Well, I will say this. I don't know about their situation, I am not privy enough but I would just like to offer people love and support, and ... I hope I get to see them in-person again soon so I can give them a hug!" A TV insider told *People* magazine that Holmes and Robach "had no shame going out together and have been publicly doing this for much longer than a month. ... Staffers are very surprised it took this long to come out." *The Daily Mail* is reporting that bosses at ABC are in a turmoil over what to do.

Hollywood movie producer **Oren Aviv**'s Southampton estate was completely destroyed in an early morning fire on December 9, reports the *New York Post*. The blaze began just before 12:24 a.m., authorities told the outlet. Aviv has produced movies which include *Rocketman*, *National Treasure* and *Ugly Dolls*. There was no one inside the home at the time of the fire, which firefighters had under control within half an hour. However, the "house was 100% a loss," said fire spokesman **Chris Brenner**. According to Zillow, property records reveal Aviv bought the mansion in June after it was listed for around $6.5 million.

Viewers of the December 6 *People's Choice Awards* are buzzing over Southampton resident **Kathy Hilton**'s rudeness to **Mariska Hargitay** of East Hampton. According to *E! News*, at the ceremony held at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California, Hargitay received the Drama TV Star of 2022 award, which was presented to the *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* star by the cast of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*. As Hargitay delivered her moving acceptance speech to the audience, Hilton, who was standing behind Hargitay on the stage, suddenly took her lipstick out of her clutch purse and applied it to her lips as Hargitay thanked everyone for her award.

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Sir **Paul McCartney**'s wife **Nancy Shevell** recently sold her late father Myron "Mike" Shevell's Palm Beach condo for $13.5 million in late July 2022, according to property records. The McCartneys, who own multiple homes, are residents of Amagansett. A trucking industry legend who owned New England Motor Freight, Mike passed away on January 24 in Palm Beach at age 87.

Three is too much company for Sag Harbor residents **Billy Joel** and his wife **Alexis Roderick**, reports RadarOnline.com. Insiders have told the outlet that Joel's ex-

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wife **Christie Brinkley** makes routine visits. Sources say that Brinkley, who has a home in Bridgehampton, "is wearing out her welcome." The supermodel, Joel and their daughter **Alexa Ray Joel** reportedly started the tradition of having singalongs together that didn't stop when the couple divorced in 1994 after nine years of marriage. Said the insider, "Billy and Alexis want to have their evenings to themselves, and they've got other friends they'd like to see on their weekend nights off." The tipster added that the "Piano Man" still thinks the world of his ex-wife, but he and Roderick have two young children who are only 7 and 5, and they have their hands full.

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We Hear ...

Sex and the City creator **Candace Bushnell**, who owns a home in Sag Harbor, celebrated her 64th birthday on December 8 at the opening night party of the late light lounge at The Shanghai Bar & Lounge, located at Hutong New York on Lexington Avenue. The evening began with a private dinner for about 20 people, then moved up to the lounge. Guests included Southampton residents **Jean Shafiroff** and **Ramona Singer**, "Page Six" senior reporter and *Extra* correspondent **Carlos Greer** and **Danny Baker Jr.**

East Hampton resident **Robert Downey Jr.**, **Emily Blunt** and **Matt Damon** are in talks to join **Cillian Murphy** in director **Christopher Nolan**'s upcoming film *Oppenheimer*, reports Deadline.com.

Sightings ...

Actress **Scarlett Johansson** of Montauk on the set of *Project Artemis* on December 8 on Tybee Island in Georgia.

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The Young Friends of Peggy Adams Animal League's Party Animal Gala

The Young Friends of Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League hosted their Jungle Chic black tie Party Animal Gala on November 19 at the Flagler Museum. With over 250 party animals in attendance, the gala was a roaring success, raising $200,000 for the Young Friends Animal Care & Recovery Room in the freshly renovated Jane & Robert Grace Pavilion. Guests dressed to impress with party animal costumes encouraged. With a fantastic silent auction and Global Elite DJ Christopher Sealey, the night "koala-fies" as a party for the ages.

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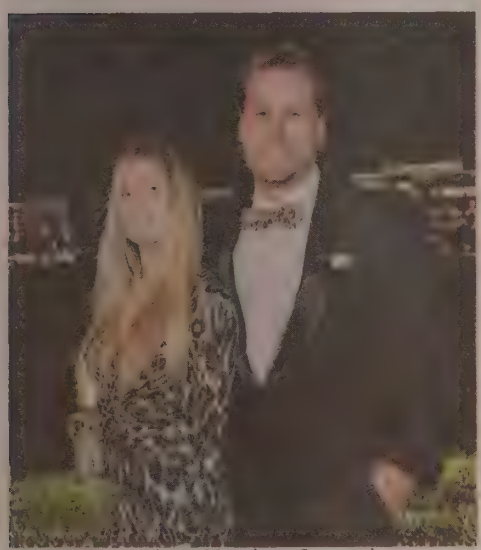

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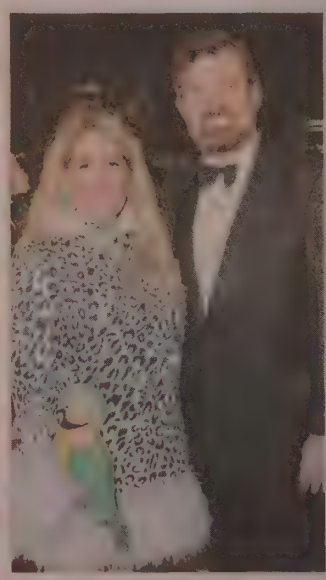

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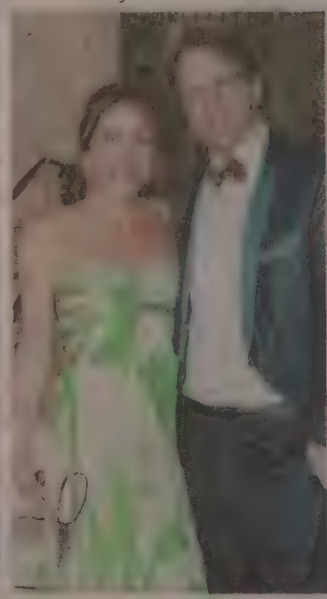

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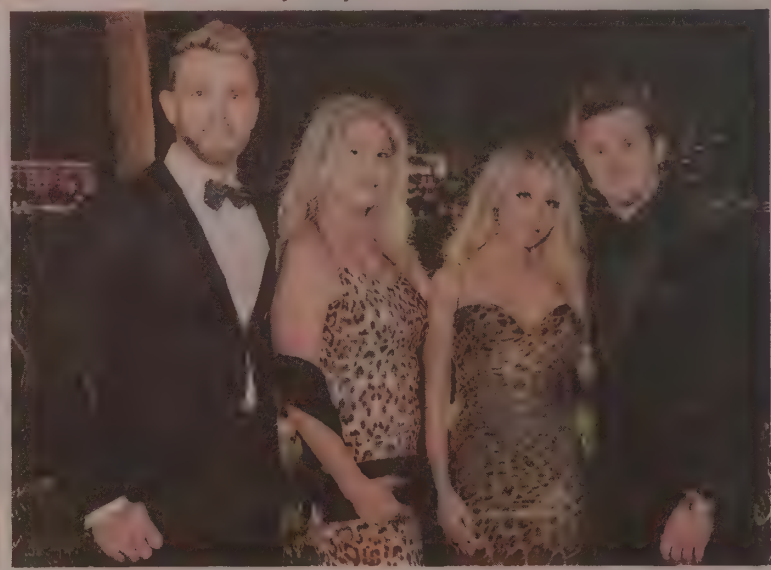

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Meeting Hunt Slonem at the Lighthouse ArtCenter

Neo-expressionist artist Hunt Slonem filled the ArtCenter's galleries in Tequesta on November 17 with friends and art enthusiasts alike. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and cocktails while taking a walk through Slonem's exhibition, *The World According to Hunt Slonem*. The artist sat down with curator Janeen Mason for a Q&A session and offered a book signing to boot! Slonem's work stretches across 250 museums worldwide and his books are sure to be found on even more coffee tables. Most famous for his paintings of exotic wildlife, Slonem brought the design community that much closer together.

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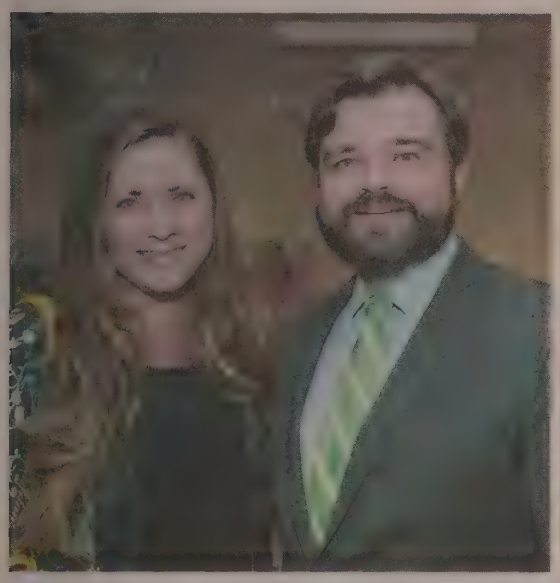

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Q&A session with Curator Janeen Mason and artist Hunt Slonem

Danielle FASHION PIC OF THE WEEK

MARLA MAPLES
Seen at: Do at the Zoo, Palm Beach
What we love: A beautiful ensemble with accessories to match the boots and a perfectly primped hairstyle.
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Pop-Up Patch for Shop the Day Away Luncheon

On November 17, the Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope's 2023 Shop the Day Away Luncheon hosted a Committee Kick-Off Luncheon at Sant Ambroeus in Palm Beach. With a delicious lunch, guests celebrated the upcoming event set to take place on March 2, 2023 at The Breakers, Palm Beach. This extravagant event features a silent auction of 500-plus luxury designer items and an unparalleled experience that leads up to a featured presentation and lunch. American actor, writer, comedian, SAG-AFTRA president and Cancer Schmancer movement founder Fran Drescher will make an appearance as the event's celebrity speaker.

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Ari Rifkin and Linda Adelson

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Do at the Zoo 2022 in Palm Beach

On December 6, Palm Beach Zoo & Conservation Society hosted the fantastical fundraising event under the stars. Their tradition of eco-friendly holiday lights created a luminous night of celebration with flavorful cocktails and mouthwatering cuisine amid wildlife of all kinds. Over 300 guests were welcomed by the zoo's celebrity sloth, Wilbur, along with all of his other furry friends. The proceeds raised throughout this event were used to offer care to zoo animal residents, a number of which are rare, orphaned or endangered.

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Chairwoman Lulu Ryan and Chairman Cy Ryan

Sponsors Robyn and Len Tannenbaum

Teri Reid, Chairman Dr. Dan Comerford, Caren Aronson

Carole Moran, Chairwoman Ruth Baum

Dana and Joe Picotte

Michael Donnell, Andres and Cathie Fanjul, Tom Quick

7th Annual No Shave November Presented by the Young Lawyers Section of Palm Beach County Benefited Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope

The 7th annual No Shave November took place on November 30, presented by the Palm Beach County Bar Association Young Lawyers section, who collected proceeds for the Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope (CAHH). Hosted by WPBF 25 meteorologist emcee Glen Glazer, men got a clean cut shave from Barber's Edge stylists on stage. This year, Paul Shalhoub raised over $13,000 for the cause and was crowned this year's champion! The event raised a grand total of $80,000 dollars for the local nonprofit, directly benefiting Palm Beach County's male cancer patients.

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Gil Martinez, Stanton Collemer, Homer Marshman, Trent Swift, Ian Robinson, Glen Glazer, Paul Shalhoub, Jonathan Wasserman, David Miller, Joseph McNamara

CAHH's CEO Stanton Collemer

Vinny Cuomo, Contest winner Paul Shalhoub

Second place winner Joseph McNamara

Third place winner Jonathan Wasserman

Sponsor Daniel Drennen, Sponsor David Sarama, Art Morris

Compass LGBTQ+ Community Center's 20th Annual Fundraiser

On December 11, the Compass Community Center held their 20th annual fundraiser at Club Collette. With their mission to assist the LGBTQ community of Palm Beach County, they managed to raise over $225,000! The fashionable attendees danced to their hearts' content as they wined and dined their night away in celebration.

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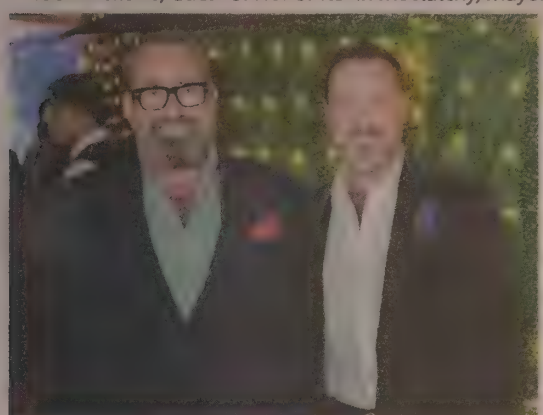
Jack Basilone, Guest of Honor Kevin McClatchy, Mayor Dani Moore, Dan Ponton

Jonathan Adler, Simon Doonan



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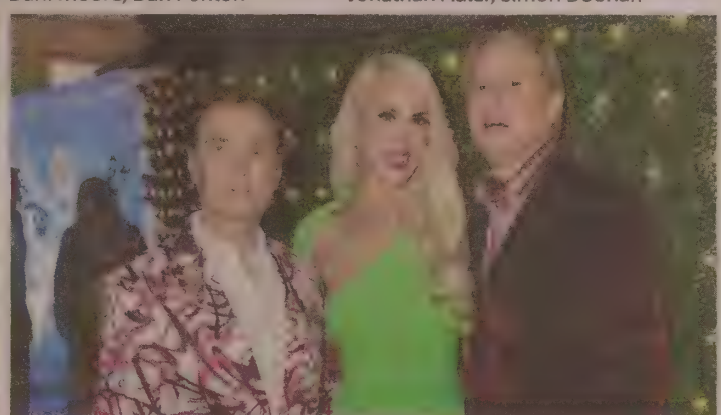

Guy Clark, Tracy Turco, Harrison Morgan

Notable Sightings

Hampton Synagogue Rabbi Marc Schneier, Israeli President Isaac Herzog, the King of Bahrain, His Majesty Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa at the Royal Palace in Manama celebrating the first visit by an Israeli Head of State to Bahrain.

Dan's Papers 'Gratitude Abounds' Photo Contest RUNNER-UP

Ron Nicoletta's "Summer Endless"

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NEWS & VIEWS

East Hampton Cemetery Nominated for State & National Registers of Historic Places

BY OLIVER PETERSON

A cemetery in East Hampton is among 11 properties in New York State that the state Board for Historic Preservation has recommended adding to State and National Registers of Historic Places, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced on Monday, December 12.

Located in Northwest Woods, the Van Scoy-Edwards Burying Ground is a small, isolated family burial plot with eight headstones and one family monument dating from 1782–1884.

Now part of the town's Grassy Hollow Nature Preserve, Hochul's office said the 2,640-square-foot site is the most significant surviving evidence of the early East Hampton colony, a settlement that flourished as a commercial and shipping center in the late 17th and early 18th centuries.

The burying ground features sandstone, marble, and zinc markers typical of the 19th century and was identified in the recently completed Historic Cemeteries of the Town of East Hampton survey. It is maintained by East Hampton Town's Land Acquisition and Management Department and is in close proximity to the Abandoned Settlement Trail, often walked by local and visiting hikers.

Made possible by a $5,600 grant from the Preservation League of New York State with the New York State Council on the Arts and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, this survey of historic burying grounds, cemeteries, and gravesites within the Town of East Hampton identified 45 cemeteries dating from approximately 1650 to 1950.

NY PARKS, RECREATION

VAN SCOY EDWARDS BURYING GROUND IN EAST HAMPTON

The sites reflect four property types, including communal burying grounds (ca. 1650 to ca. 1950); cemeteries of religious organizations (ca. 1850 to ca. 1950); private, association-owned cemeteries (ca.1880 to ca.1950); and isolated family burying grounds and cemeteries (ca. 1700 to ca. 1900).

"The location, variety, and survival of the town's historic interment sites preserve the history and diversity of the people and generations of local burial practices," Hochul's announcement said, pointing out that the Van Scoy Burying Ground is the first property nominated under this survey.

"These nominations showcase New York's diverse history through preserving important places where New Yorkers have lived, learned, worked and built communities," Hochul said of all of the nominations, selected from throughout the state. "By adding these sites to our historic registers, we are recognizing the critical role that they play in telling our state's story. I hope these landmarks will inspire, educate and entertain future generations and help connect New Yorkers to our past."

Along with East Hampton's Van Scoy-Edwards Burying Ground, the nominations include a 20th-century "piano player" factory in Syracuse, a rare 19th-century stone general store in Millville, and a historic district in Lansingburgh, among others.

Commissioner of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Erik Kulleseid said, "State Parks is committed to preserving and promoting the remarkable range of historic resources found throughout New York. Our historic resources can have an integral role in New York's future, and the incentives that come with State and National Registers recognition, like state and federal tax credits, can help stabilize historic structures as well as encourage investments in our local communities."

NY PARKS, RECREATION

VAN SCOY EDWARDS BURYING GROUND IN EAST HAMPTON

Once recommendations are approved by the commissioner, who serves as the State Historic Preservation Officer, the properties are listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places and then nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, where they are reviewed and, once approved, entered on the National Register.

The State and National Registers are the official lists of buildings, structures, districts, landscapes, objects and sites significant in the history, architecture, archaeology and culture of New York State and the nation.

There are more than 120,000 historic properties throughout the state listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as components of historic districts. Property owners, municipalities, and organizations from communities throughout the state sponsored these nominations.

More information, including photos of the nominations and a fully illustrated report on the Van Scoy Burying Ground — prepared by Zachary Studenroth and Kurt Eric Kahofer of the Sag Harbor-based Burying Ground Preservation Group (BGPG) — is available on the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation website.

Tests Performed on Dead Hamptons Whale

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Marine biologists were finally able to perform a necropsy on a 31-foot-long humpback whale that washed up dead in Amagansett on December 9, experts with the Atlantic Marine Conservation Society said. The whale initially washed up in Southampton, then washed back out to sea, came ashore in Napeague, and then finally came ashore in Amagansett, where the examination was conducted, officials said. "Our biologists collected samples to be sent to a veterinary pathologist for further analysis to confirm necropsy findings," the agency said.

There were no signs of blunt force trauma typical of a ship strike that often proves fatal for whales. New York State Parks Police, the state parks department, NOAA Fisheries New England/Mid-Atlantic and the state Department of Environmental Conservation assisted in the response and with handling logistics for disposal of the whale.

Members of the public are urged to report sick, injured, entangled, or deceased marine mammals and sea turtles to the NYS Stranding Hotline at 631-369-9829.

AMCS

ATLANTIC MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY EXPERTS TESTED THE WHALE.

NEWS & VIEWS

Movie Producer's Southampton Mansion Burns Down

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Hollywood movie producer's $6.49 million Southampton mansion burned to the ground on December 9 and investigators are working to determine the cause of the blaze, officials said.

Southampton Fire Department firefighters responded shortly after midnight to the fire at the Edge of Woods Road home of Oren Aviv — producer of movies such as *National Treasure* — but the nine-bedroom house was a total loss.

The home was empty at the time. There were no reported injuries. The Southampton Town Fire Marshal's office is continuing the investigation.

SOUTHAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

THIS MANSION BURNED TO THE GROUND.

COURESY DOUGLAS ELLIMAN

THE MANSION BEFORE THE BLAZE.

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Southampton Town, Village Appoint New Police Chiefs

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Town of Southampton and Village of Southampton officials appointed new chiefs of their respective police departments days apart following a pair of high profile searches to replace longtime leaders in each agency. Southampton Town Police Capt. James Kiernan was promoted on December 8 to police chief, replacing Steven Skrynecki, who led the department for six years before dying in October. And Suffolk County Deputy Police Commissioner Anthony Carter was named the next chief of the Southampton Village Police Department on December 12, taking over for acting police chief Susan Hurteau, who was appointed as captain.

"I pledge that this department will do all that it can to ensure a safe environment for our residents, guests, visitors and businesses," said Kiernan, who rose up the ranks since starting with the department as an officer in 1997. "I appreciate your vote of confidence and support, and will do my utmost to deserve this honor."

The Southampton Town Police Department, which is the largest local law enforcement agency on the East End with more than 100 sworn members, patrols communities with more than 58,000 residents from North Haven to Remsenberg. The Southampton Village Police Department has about 30 sworn members patrolling a 7.4-square-mile municipality that is home to more than 4,500 residents, making it the largest of the six village police departments across the Twin Forks. The need to replace Skrynecki was sudden, following the late town police chief's brief illness. Hurteau, on the other hand, has been acting chief for more than a year after the village board terminated the contract of former Chief Thomas Cummings, who had led the department for more than a decade.

While the town board unanimously approved Kiernan's promotion, the vote to appoint Carter was split, with Mayor Jesse Warren, who questioned the search committee's process, casting the lone dissenting vote. Warren expressed concern with the "highly generous" five-year contract — he'll make $270,000 annually, plus benefits — that other highly qualified candidates were passed up and that Carter still needs to pass a civil service exam in March to qualify to take the position.

"I know he wants to study for the exam, but we really need somebody now," Warren said, noting that despite the issues, he expects to have a better relationship with Carter than he did with Cummings, who he publicly sparred with for months.

Alleged Shooter Outside Zeldin Home Indicted as Part of Gang

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

The suspect in a drive-by shooting outside the home of U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin is among 18 alleged gang members indicted for a series of crimes on Long Island that also include a murder, armed robberies and the theft of seven French bulldogs, Suffolk County officials announced Monday.

The 148-count indictment targeted alleged members of the "No Fake Love," or "NFL" gang, believed responsible for 31 crimes dating to October 2021, according to law enforcement authorities. Among the crimes was the December 2021 shooting death of Jorge Mauricio Sevilla Barrera, 28, outside a strip mall, as well as six shootings, six armed robberies, and stealing 15 vehicles and the dogs.

One of the suspects was arrested last month with the gun used in the October shooting outside Zeldin's house, which wounded two 17-year-old boys. The former Republican candidate for governor was not home at the time but said his twin daughters were inside.

Investigators said the alleged gang members took orders from two imprisoned associates, sometimes stealing and selling cars and bulldogs to purchase guns. The breed can run into the thousands of dollars.

All but one of the defendants, who range in age from 17 to 27, were in custody December 12, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Raymond Tierney's office.

DAN'S COLUMN

Best Christmas Gift

BY DAN RATTINER

It's genius. Here's the one simple trick that the whole Christmas gift industry does not want you to know about. The best Christmas gift ever. Offered only for a limited time. Now available for a price you would not believe. And you have been personally selected.

The M1 iPhone Remote.

The M1 iPhone Remote is a gift you must have. Why has nobody thought of this before? Everything works better with a remote. And now you can have one for your iPhone.

It is small and simple. The M1 iPhone Remote is no bigger than three tongue depressors stacked and glued one atop the other, and so it easily fits in your handbag or pocket. You'll never be without it.

How often have you heard your iPhone ring but it's across the room and you cannot get to it in time? Whip out your M-1 Remote. Press the "Shout" button. And then in a normal voice which you have earlier entered, your phone will say, "Just a minute" very loud. And that will give you the time to walk across the room to get to it before the caller hangs up.

Alternatively, if you hear your phone ring from across the room you can press "Fetch" on the M-1. A string coiled up inside the remote zings out, wraps itself around your iPhone wherever it is, and zips it back to lash it to the remote.

Use your M-1 remote to watch a video on your iPhone from afar. Press "Hologram," Then hold the M-1 Remote up in front of you. The video on your iPhone far away will play above the M-1 as a shimmering hologram.

The M1 can instantly secure all your sensitive data. Press "Encrypt," and all the sensitive data you previously tagged with a blue check will be instantly encrypted into one place — a very obscure and remote corner of your iPhone's motherboard known only to you ahead of time.

Someone has stolen your iPhone? Press "Fire" on the M-1. No matter where the thieves have run off to, your iPhone will instantly burst into flames.

Even without your iPhone present, you can enter data on it with your M-1 remote. Simply press "Type" and a tiny keyboard the size of your thumbnail slides out of the top of your M-1. Remove the small attached steel pin, and touch the keys with it to enter your data. Then by pushing the keyboard back down into the remote, it will automatically save what you wrote into a special folder on your iPhone. After that, slide the little pin back into its tiny scabbard and it will automatically shut down.

Something between your teeth? Hold the M-1 in front of you and press "Spinach." The photo it takes is saved via Bluetooth in a picture album on your iPhone that is password protected. So only you, privately, can see it.

THE M-1 REMOTE

CARTOON BY DAN RATTINER

And what if you can't remember where you put your M-1 Remote? The M-1 is the only device today that can find itself. Press "Find" on the remote. And there it is.

Here's another feature. Press SIRI on your M-1 and ask a question. It will be sent by Wi-Fi to wherever your iPhone is. And whatever Siri replies will be Wi-Fied back to the M-1 and spoken aloud in a screechy voice on the tiny little speaker. Standard rates apply.

Double click SIRI and you will hear Siri's response again on the M-1 but this time in Bulgarian. Another double click returns it to English.

The M-1 iPhone Remote comes in five different shades of gray. Press the small button on the bottom of the remote to change the shade. Or double click it to change to full color and press the small button again to select the one of 45 colors available.

The M-1 Remote retails at $947. But today, on this day only, it is available for the ridiculously low price of just $94.70. Not only that, but buying one M-1 for that price will entitle you to buy a second one for only $1. But again, just for this day only, before 4 a.m., if you call right now and say the words "M-1." The iPhone number is right there on your screen now.

The M-1 will work on your Samsung, Dell, Nokia and Google phone too!

STAY HEALTHY

Here is the way to stay 100% cancer free. I found it in a magazine I subscribe to called *Consumer Reports On Health* in the October issue under the headline "Foods That Help Fight Cancer." This is real.

Here is the list of things you can eat that reduce the possibility of getting cancer. First is nuts. An analysis made by a 2015 study in *Nutrition Reviews* journal, it says, shows that your cancer risk is slashed by 15% by eating nuts.

Next are berries. A 2020 study in another journal, *Cancer Research*, written by Marjorie McCullough, Sc.D., R.D., of the American Cancer Society, reduces deaths from breast cancer by 25%.

Whole grains are also studied in *On Health*. Edward Giovannucci, a professor of nutrition and epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health, says that eating 3 ounces of whole grains a day lowered the odds of colorectal cancer by 17%.

Then there's coffee. A 2007 study in the journal *Gastroenterology* found that drinking just two cups a day reduces the risk of liver cancer by 43%.

If you add up all these reductions in cancer in these studies, 43%, 17%, 25% and 15%, your total cancer risk has been reduced by 100%. So that's it.

And there's more. *On Health* magazine also says cancer possibilities can be reduced by eating carrots, dark leafy greens, tofu, edamame, broccoli and cauliflower. However, in my opinion, this is unnecessary since you've already reduced the chances of getting cancer to zero.

Give the information about these other foods to your friends. If they add one or two to the earlier list, they could drop others. 100% is 100%. And so by eating those things, you now are free to eat hot dogs, french fries, tacos, chocolate cake and fried chicken to your heart's content.

And tell people you read about this in *Dan's Papers*.

DAN'S COLUMN

Santa Flies In

BY SANTA
(AS TOLD BY DAN RATTINER)

RICHARD LEWIN

SANTA ARRIVES VIA HELICOPTER!

I got an invitation from Mayor Jerry Larsen of East Hampton this past October inviting me to fly down for the afternoon of December 10, two weeks before Christmas, to meet the kids of his town face to face. It was a rare opportunity for me because I am only away from the Pole on Christmas Eve and at that time, of course, kids are asleep. So, of course, I accepted.

The invitation said the mayor would have all the kids assembled in Herrick Park, which is in the center of town, but looking into this, we found that the park was not big enough for my sled, the elves and the eight reindeer to land and take off. So, it was decided instead that we'd land at the East Hampton Town Airport where they'd have a helicopter waiting. They'd take us up, and then after circling around, land in the park where I could have my picture taken with all the kids.

Things went well at the airport, sort of. We landed there around 11 a.m. not far from their parked helicopter, which I now realized would accommodate me but not my 10 elves, so the elves, although disappointed, had to sit and play games inside the terminal for two hours of waiting until I got back. Meanwhile, the reindeer, would, by prearrangement, be put up in stalls in a barn nearby with lots of hay.

I'd never been up in a helicopter, and it seemed pretty intimidating. But there were two pilots, Dennis and another guy who never gave me his name, and there was Erin, an EMT, who, for the flight, put earphones on my head because, as she said, this was going to be loud. Then she sat on the gurney in the back next to a seat for me. Apparently it was an airborne ambulance. Which allowed me to joke that if I got panicky, they'd have all the medical gear in there to get me better. Certainly, everybody wanted me in tip-top shape for December 25.

There was a wait because some private helicopter had just landed and then had, in spite of orders from the control tower not to, simply taxied across the various runways sideways, which our pilots and the tower on the radio said was stupid and dangerous. In the end, the tower ordered that chopper off to one side — downwind from the barn — and off we went.

We went straight up, which felt like being in an elevator, but then, not that high, we tipped at a 45-degree angle, pretty scary, and flew off to the west over what I thought was The Clubhouse building in the woods but which I soon realized was a Ross School building. Zooming around, we passed over Wainscott — there were ships just offshore busy installing their wind farm electricity project — and then we went over the Atlantic Ocean where, after another tippy turn, we flew over Lily Pond Lane and Georgica, east along Montauk Highway with Town Pond below, then north over Main Street, turning left above the Ladies Village Improvement Society building and Herrick Park, beyond to where I could see what looked like a thousand kids behind ropes set up at one end of the park below. But we didn't set down. Instead, we did a terrifying loop above the Stop & Shop, flew south down Newtown Lane, then west on Main Street — I thought I could almost touch the top of the steeple of the First Presbyterian Church — and then back to the park where, this time, we did set down.

I took a deep breath, jumped out and then walked around the helicopter, waving to all the kids to where a small chair, all by itself, had been set up on the grass of what was, I saw, the outfield of the sandlot baseball diamond. The kids, 50 yards away, were then let loose and told to walk slowly toward me to form a big line on both sides facing some photographers so they could take a group picture, but, to my delight, that never happened. Instead, all these 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds and their parents, cheering and yelling, simply raced out to where I sat and surrounded me sitting in my chair in a great happy mosh for a long, long time.

I will never, ever, forget this. They were so happy to see me. And I was so happy to see them. Of course, I could hardly move in there. They were everywhere. Indeed, my face, at sitting height, was directly opposite the faces of all these little kids I love so much. "Were you the pilot?" one kid asked. "I learned after we took off," I replied. I kept asking everybody if they'd been good. Absolutely all were good. I started to touch little noses with my index finger. Tap tap tap. Squealing, they hugged me. This went on for a good 10 minutes. Behind them, adults held high a forest of smartphones taking videos. Finally, some authorities broke through and, saying "Gangway," stood me up and escorted me out and off to a waiting police car, with all these little kids leading and following, and I got into the passenger seat, rolled down the window, and as we slowly pulled away and onto Newtown Lane, waved and shouted "Merry Christmas" to everybody.

Two police officers on motorcycles with lights flashing escorted us on a tour through this beautiful town until we got to the movie theater, where they stopped and ushered me inside to a chair by a Christmas tree in the lobby to sit and greet still more kids who were arriving to watch a Christmas movie — *The Polar Express* I was told.

Here, once again, the kids, hundreds of them, came over to tell me they loved me and that they'd been good, while I told them I loved them and presents would be along in two weeks. I got lots of hugs. I hugged back. Lots of pictures were taken. Somewhere in there, a 5-year-old handed me a dollar. Then ran off. What should I do with it? I tried to give it to the next kid but she wouldn't take it. Up here at the Pole, I still have it.

I will never forget this trip. God bless the children of East Hampton and all the Hamptons.

NEWS & VIEWS

MARTIN CLEAVER

POLICE AND INVESTIGATORS LOOK AT WHAT REMAINS OF THE NOSE OF PAN AM 103 IN A FIELD IN LOCKERBIE, SCOTLAND, IN THIS DEC. 22, 1988 FILE PHOTO. U.S. AND SCOTTISH AUTHORITIES SAID SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2022 THAT THE LIBYAN MAN SUSPECTED OF MAKING THE BOMB THAT DESTROYED A PASSENGER PLANE OVER LOCKERBIE, SCOTLAND, IN 1988 IS IN U.S. CUSTODY.

Lockerbie Bust: Montauk Mom of Flight 103 Victim Buoyed by Bombmaker's Arrest

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Suse Lowenstein was at her Montauk home, where she sculpted people's reactions to learning their loved ones were killed by terrorists, when she heard the man who allegedly built the bomb used to down Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 people aboard — including her son — three decades ago, was arrested.

Her reaction of cautious optimism that justice may prevail this time was tempered by cynicism from watching accomplices spared punishment in the past. The long-sought development coming so close to the 34th anniversary of the December 21, 1988 bombing also reopens old wounds that dampen spirits typically heightened amid holiday season revelry.

"Finally, it's been 34 years," the 78-year-old sculptor thought to herself upon reading news of the arrest on Sunday, December 11. "That's a long time to wait for justice."

The next day, Abu Agila Mohammad Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi, a former Libyan intelligence official, was extradited and appeared in Washington, D.C. federal court, charged with an act of international terrorism. In addition to those aboard, 11 on the ground were also killed. Two other Libyan intelligence officials have been charged in the U.S. for their alleged involvement in the attack, but Mas'ud was the first defendant to appear in an American courtroom for prosecution.

"Although nearly 34 years have passed since the defendant's actions, countless families have never fully recovered," Assistant U.S. Attorney Erik Kenerson said during a court proceeding attended by victims' relatives.

Lowenstein's 21-year-old son, Alex, was among 35 Syracuse University students flying home for Christmas after a semester abroad. The New York-bound flight exploded less than an hour after takeoff from London. Citizens from 21 countries were killed, but the majority — 190 — were Americans.

"He loved it there," Lowenstein recalled of her son's semester in Scotland. But before the bombing, her mother's intuition kicked in.

"About two weeks before his death, I was overcome with a deep, deep sense of having to go over immediately and just spend time with him, and that's exactly what I did," she said, recalling how he showed her around London and then she introduced him to family members in her native Hamberg, Germany before they parted ways. "It was really an amazing thing."

After the tragedy, she contacted the families of other Flight 103 victims and asked if they would be willing to recreate the pose of their reaction upon learning news of the bombing. She spent the following 15 years creating 75 life-size nude sculptures

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COURTESY JILL CAMPBELL

SUSE LOWENSTEIN OF MONTAUK LOST HER SON IN THE FLIGHT 103 BOMBING.

in her garden that form a memorial titled "Dark Elegy," which has become a rallying point in Montauk on anniversaries of the September 11, 2001 attacks and other acts of terror. The memorial was the focus of a 2019 documentary *Seat 20D*. Patrons routinely visit the memorial, often hearing about it by word of mouth. More visitors are likely in the wake of the latest development.

The bombing remains the deadliest terrorist attack ever carried out on British soil. Investigators soon tied the bombing to Libya, whose government had engaged in long-running hostilities with the U.S. and other Western governments. About two years before the attack, Libya was blamed for the bombing of a Berlin disco that killed three, including two U.S. soldiers, and injured dozens of others.

The Libyan government initially balked at turning over two men previously tried in the case, Abdel Baset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, before ultimately surrendering them for prosecution before a panel of Scottish judges sitting in the Netherlands as part of a special arrangement. In Mas'ud's case, a newly unsealed Justice Department indictment includes three charges related to the explosion, including destruction of an aircraft, resulting in death. Prosecutors said in court that they would not be pursuing the death penalty because that punishment was not available for those specific crimes at the time the bombing occurred.

> *"It doesn't bring my boy back and it doesn't heal the hole in my heart, but if justice is being done, that's a little bit of comfort," Suse Lowenstein said.*

A breakthrough in the Justice Department's investigation came when U.S. officials in 2017 received a copy of an interview that Mas'ud, a longtime explosives expert for Libya's intelligence service, had given to Libyan law enforcement in 2012 after being taken into custody following the collapse of the government of the country's leader, Col. Moammar Gadhafi.

In that interview, U.S. officials said, Mas'ud admitted building the bomb in the Pan Am attack and working with two other conspirators to carry it out. He also said the operation was ordered by Libyan intelligence and that Gadhafi thanked him and other members of the team after the attack, according to an FBI affidavit.

That affidavit said Mas'ud told Libyan law enforcement that he flew to Malta to meet al-Megrahi and Fhimah. He handed Fhimah a medium-sized Samsonite suitcase containing a bomb, having already been instructed to set the timer so that the device would explode exactly 11 hours later, according to the document. He then flew to Tripoli, the FBI said.

Al-Megrahi was convicted in the Netherlands while Fhimah was acquitted of all charges. Al-Megrahi was given a life sentence, but Scottish authorities released him on humanitarian grounds in 2009 after he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He died in Tripoli, still protesting his innocence.

Lowenstein and other victims' families balked at that compassionate release. But she remains hopeful that Mas'ud won't be afforded the same sympathy when tried in America.

"It doesn't bring my boy back and it doesn't heal the hole in my heart, but if justice is being done, that's a little bit of comfort," she said. "The unfortunate thing always happens around the anniversary time. It kind of makes the Christmas time not really the Christmas time."

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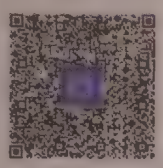

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THE HOME AT 16 JORDAN DRIVE IN WATER MILL WAS RENOVATED WITH ENTERTAINING IN MIND.

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

A Water Mill estate offering the ultimate privacy, as it is bordered by 32 acres of reserve, is listed at $8.675 million. James Giugliano of Nest Seekers International and Thomas Cavallo of Douglas Elliman have the co-exclusive on 16 Jordan Drive.

Set on a private drive on 1.4 acres the house was "meticulously renovated" in 2022 by SoundHill Properties, a team comprised of two longtime partners, Paul Panagiotidis, a builder and contractor, and Neil Cohen, a real estate investor, each with long histories in the real estate business.

"When Paul and I first toured the property," says Cohen, "it took me a moment to see past the years of hoarding and neglect that had beset the home, but Paul had a vision and I could see the wheels turning. We loved the unique nature of the property and the classic style of the home. Paul called it a blank canvas, and after hauling away three 40-yard dumpsters of personal effects abandoned by the prior owner, I guess it was."

The team created a 7,000-square-foot, six-bedroom, six-and-a-half-bath estate home.

"The house needed everything – it was not only dated, but nondescript," Cohen continues. "Thankfully, the bones were there and the location of the property is simply spectacular. Beyond the standard fare of gut-renovating and redesigning the kitchen and all six bathrooms, our vision was to create a home perfect for entertaining."

Estate Home Qualities in Water Mill

Modern black steel glass entry doors lead to a foyer that opens to a dining room with butler's pantry, a dramatic billiards lounge with custom built-in bar and a spacious gourmet kitchen and breakfast room with a fireplace. Just off the kitchen and connected to the billiards lounge is a large den with another fireplace. Doors open to the backyard and a covered front porch.

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"We eschewed the idea of a formal living room in favor of a Manhattan-style lounge complete with a full-sized bar, and finished the basement with a gym, wine cellar, wine tasting bar and home theater," Cohen explains.

An en suite junior primary bedroom on the first floor features a bathroom with a double rain-head shower and French doors that lead to the back yard.

Up on the second level is a generously sized primary suite with a fireplace, a sitting room, a deck with reserve views, and a spa bath. There are also three en suite guest bedrooms and a large bonus room, designed as a collaborative office space for today's hybrid work environment, that can also be accessed by a rear staircase.

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THE BACKYARD

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THE KITCHEN

"The house really has it all, but we knew that we needed to balance out all of the entertainment amenities that the house has to offer, so we created a modern office space for two above the three-car garage, complete with custom-made desks with quartz countertops, built-in file cabinets and dedicated ethernet lines," Cohen says.

The lower level is where the gym, wine cellar, wine tasting bar and theater can be found. There is also room to create a large recreation space.

The house also has an oversized three-car garage.

Out back, there is a heated gunite pool and spa, a built-in fire pit, a cabana lounge with television and a full-service outdoor kitchen, all surrounded by well-landscaped and lit grounds.

"Outside, we created an expansive open patio to accentuate the sprawling lawn, which adjoins the 32-acre reserve to our east. We also built a fire pit and a pavilion/pergola structure designed to feel like an outdoor great room — the look of the high-hat and track lighting reflecting off of the stainless steel outdoor appliances and black leathered granite countertops is just amazing," Cohen says.

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Keeping Your Roof Clear of Snow

Icy winter landscapes are beautiful, but they can prove burdensome to homeowners. As snow piles up, all that weight equates to structural stress, especially for buildings with flat roofs.

Here's how to prevent snow build-up from damaging your home.

1. PREVENT ICE DAMS

An ice dam is just what it sounds like-ice build up that blocks off sections of your roof and prevents snow from sliding off. Invest in heated cables to help the snow slide right off your roof's back.

2. CALCULATE SNOW LOAD

While most roofs are designed to hold up to 20 pounds per square foot according to modern building codes, older structures and those with flat roofs may struggle under the weight of even moderate snow accumulation.

To calculate the snow load on your roof, assume that every inch deep of snow equals 1.25 pounds. Your equation for determining snow load, S x 1.25 = P, is fairly straightforward math. S equals the depth in inches of the snow on your roof and P represents the pounds per square foot your roof is supporting.

3. USE A ROOF RAKE

If you have too much snow on your roof, you'll need the right tool for the job. If you have a pitched roof, you can use a long-handled rake to remove snow from your roof. But not just any rake will do. Look for a long-handled roof rake.

4. CALL IN THE PROS

Roof snow removal services are less expensive than you might think- especially when you consider emergency costs for slipping and falling or the kind of damage your home could sustain if the roof collapses.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.

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Honoring This Week's Cover Artist: Clarence James

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CLARENCE JAMES' "I AM LOVE AND LIGHT" (2022, ACRYLIC, AEROSOL, OIL STICK ON CANVAS, 73" X 66") AVAILABLE AT DTR MODERN GALLERIES

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This issue's cover, provided to us by DTR Modern Galleries, features the work of Clarence James, whose National Arts Club solo exhibition, *Find Yourself*, is on view in the Grand Gallery through Saturday, December 17.

Growing up in Raleigh, North Carolina in a "very homogenous environment," James says he sought out a different experience, which led him to Howard University, an esteemed HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in Washington, D.C.

"What everyone needs to realize about that, if they don't realize already, is that an HBCU came out of necessity. Slavery is over, and in 1867 when Howard was founded, it's not a situation where there's anywhere else for a descendent of that class of person," he explains. "The entire college experience at an HBCU is a homecoming, because it's coming to an environment that's the inverse of the homogenous comment I made. Now I'm in an environment where I'm seeing myself reflected everywhere, and I'm seeing people that have ambition, want to be better, want to contribute to society, want to improve themselves, and I'm in this whole environment of people who look like me and are on a likeminded mission of being better."

Midway through business school, James had an "existential crisis" realizing this wasn't what he had envisioned for himself, and if he didn't eventually find a creative outlet he'd "lose (his) mind." After withdrawing for a semester, then returning to finish business school, he graduated in 2014 and jumped straight into painting.

The self-taught artist felt inspired by fashion-art collaborations such as Raf Simmons x Sterling Ruby and Supreme x Basquiat and quickly realized that art could be a realistic, practical occupation if the artist has a sense of entrepreneurship.

With that idea firmly in mind, James founded his personal brand PVMT84. The abbreviation for "pavement" stands for his desire to "pave a path, build a road that others can use," he says. The "84" is a nod to the George Orwell book *1984*, which James included to represent the "control mechanism of society" and the "gap between truth and reality."

He elaborates, "You have truth, which is pretty objective, and then you have reality which is extremely subjective. We all have a different perspective, and if perspective is reality, there are billions of different realities that are concurrently occurring."

While James still uses the PVMT84 brand for his website (pvmt84.com), he has largely shifted his focus to himself, Clarence James, as the artist and the brand.

To get to this point of self-actualization, however, James would first have to lay everything on the line for his passion. In 2018, after having spent a couple years living in New York, he found himself burnt out, broke, practically homeless — staying with friends and keeping all of his belongings in his car — and was ready to return to D.C.

"I really had to have a soul-searching moment where I had to be honest with myself. What did I have going? What was my real foundation? I had to let go of the young, hopeful dream of going to find that Warhol-type figure that's going to elevate me straight up to rockstar artist and more so focus on what I can control, which is my art practice," he says.

In December 2019, he decided to bet it all on his art. "I had a 2003 Acura TL, and I sold it for $1,800 and used that $1,800 to get an art studio (in D.C.). That was a big moment for me; that was a pushing all my chips in moment where I'm taking a big risk and truly going out and fully doing it. ... Consequently, I

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had to sleep in my art studio many a night, right on the floor, and that wasn't necessarily permitted."

He adds, "It's not like the first moment that I felt I went all in, but it was really shifting my paradigm, getting things together and understanding that my work ethic is going to be what takes me where I want to be."

In a serendipitous turn of events, James was introduced to DTR Modern Galleries and began working with them in 2020. His collaboration with DTR artist Halim Flowers was purchased by one of the Palm Beach directors, and soon after, the director of DTR in D.C. visited his studio and confirmed him a serious, professional artist worth investing in. "I started working with them and that's been beautiful," James says of DTR. "They've got their five locations, and I don't have to worry about selling art anymore, all I have to do is paint and lean into my business relationship with them."

Looking back at how far he's come since not having a place to call home, James adds, "I was definitely in situations (before DTR) where failure was happening, but you can't quit. You have to push through."

We had the chance to connect with James on Zoom to discuss this issue's cover art.

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JAMES' "I WAS THINKING I THOUGHT" WHICH APPEARS CROPPED ON THE JANUARY 2023 DAN'S PAPERS PALM BEACH AND DECEMBER 16, 2022 DAN'S PAPERS COVERS

What inspired you to paint "I Was Thinking I Thought" and is it part of a series?

Essentially, all of the artwork I've made that DTR has handled is basically one cohesive series. ... Of all these paintings that I've made and they've made available to others, they all follow a theme. What this is is my take on portraiture, so you'll see it in a 30" by 40" format. ... This painting in particular is a 60" by 48" so it's a lot larger. ...

The portraiture is meant to start the introspection. The color palette is meant to get your attention, and color conveys a lot of emotion, so I want to start that interaction with the artwork. Hopefully that puts you in a state of intrigue, gives you a moment for self-reflection, and through that process, hopefully it's an exercise that you can remember or be reminded of who you are. When we realize who we truly are, we're part of one human experience but just the billions of deviations, permeations of that as human beings alive on Earth in the third dimensional plane as extensions of the universe, God, whatever you want to say, but creation is unfolding, and we're a part of it.

How do you use symbols and text to communicate the themes you're trying to convey?

In this piece, the first key is to represent the human form, portraiture, now within that what I'm trying to do is offer an illustration of what I was just saying: that we all have a different perspective, we go through different moods and emotions, we are in motion. We are vibrating — all material is light at different vibrations — I'm trying to illustrate the dynamic nature of being alive.

Things like those wave lines coming out of the head are representing brain waves, brain activity, and it's in and out. It's our internal process projected out, and it's also external things interacting with us — thoughts and ideas, visuals, communication through language. And then the arrow pointing up, on top of that brain motif, is about elevated consciousness, which takes effort. It's not just being surface level, it's taking a moment to have a deeper analysis of reality and our experience. And lots of eyes — eyes being the window to the soul, they say. Eyes being the outer extension of your brain and nervous system that's taking in all those stimuli. We're processing reality via our eyes, and eyes represent elevation, light and knowledge.

"I am, I am" is a very powerful affirmation. It's in the Bible, in the Torah; this is a very ancient concept. Essentially, they're saying that's what God is, God uttered that and created the first vibration — in the beginning was the word. "I am" is not only powerful, but it also connects you with the universal consciousness that was the source of ourselves. Stating that presence and affirming that "I exist. I think, therefore I am" is pulling those concepts together.

Put a star in there. What is it? Dust in the wind. We're stardust. If you look around the universe, a human being is truly a microcosm of everything that's in the universe. ... What's a star? A star has mass, has gravitational pull. We can become a star; it doesn't just have to be a celebrity in terms of a star. When you have a strong presence, you can be a star and through your efforts you will — almost like the law of attraction — by increasing your mass metaphorically, mentally and spiritually through your thoughts and actions, you can be a star. ...

A heart is pretty self-explanatory — love being the most powerful tool that I feel like every human being needs to constantly be utilizing. Then something like the positive and negative symbol is just trying to indicate polarity, and also indicate charge, literally positive and negative, and a complete circuit. We're alive, we're electric, we're electromagnetic.

What do you find most rewarding about being an artist and sharing your work with the world?

The most rewarding thing is when I realize I'm actually helping people. I'm actually contributing to other people's lives, and I'm inspiring other people to feel better about themselves, have more self-esteem, have the courage to take that risk and chase down their dream. As the paintings are selling consistently and interest is growing, I'm realizing that I have a purpose and it's not random out here. What I'm doing has value and people appreciate it. That's really kept giving me confidence and reassurance.

To see more of Clarence James' artwork and inquire about purchasing a piece from DTR Modern Galleries locations in New York City, Palm Beach, Nantucket, Boston and Washington, D.C., visit dtrmodern.com.

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Gratitude and thankfulness

With Christmas and Hanukkah right around the corner, I am so thankful to be able to celebrate with my friends and family.

It feels like the year flew right by me. There seemed to be one crisis after another and great hoopla over the election, with multiple runoffs that made "Election Day" a thing of the past.

I tried to stay up on Election Night and get the results in my state and around the country, but by midnight I saw there were few final results, so I turned off my TV and went to bed.

Election Night brought back so many memories and it made me think of my dear friend Claire Shulman — who served as Queens borough president for 16 years — and her victories, as well as the excitement of Eric Adams' stunning victory party after clinching the mayoral race.

Claire was what I like to call a true public servant whose only agenda was to better the lives of those living in her beloved borough.

She was in office as a Democrat during the years that Rudy Giuliani was the respected mayor of New York City.

Claire was masterful at playing a non-partisan part during those years when it wasn't about party, but about working together to make our lives better.

I love the story she told me about when Rudy visited Borough Hall for her birthday to surprise her. He burst into her huge, stately wood-paneled office with a birthday cake and told her to "blow out the candles and make a wish."

She did and shared out loud the wish: "I wish for $1 million for the expansion of the New York Hall of Science in Flushing Meadows Corona Park."

And her wish came true! Rudy allocated the money and the project was completed!

But that wasn't the only project that she spearheaded. Throughout her career, she put more shovels in the ground and built more cultural institutions than any other elected official! Whether it was the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center or the Queens Museum or the Queens Hospital Center expansion or bringing a new skating rink and pool to Flushing Meadows Corona Park or improving the sewers of southeast Queens, she was always getting things done!

She was a thoroughly Queens person, but I forgave her that she was born in Brooklyn, like me.

She met her husband Mel, a psychiatrist, at Queens Hospital Center where she was a nurse and they shared over 60 years of marriage. After becoming a mom, she ran for PTA president, then became a community board member, then ran the community boards boroughwide before becoming a deputy for former Borough President Donald Manes. Following his death, she took over as Queens borough president and served us proudly for 16 years. She was an activist who took no nonsense from anyone. She ran a tight ship that never saw scandal.

Claire and Mel met at Queens Hospital Center.

Claire was a true public servant who got things done benefiting the people she represented.

Now, I'm waiting for current Borough President Donovan Richards to give us a present and deliver a gift of gratitude he promised for the woman who made so much happen in our beloved borough.

Claire oversaw the expansion of the Queens Hospital Center and we both believe there is no better gift than to rename it the Claire Shulman Hospital.

Giving the hospital a wonderful name representing the enormous quality of service the hospital plays in the lives of our millions of residents would be a fitting way to say thank you to an extraordinary woman who deserves our gratitude.

I was so grateful to be at the victory party for Eric Adams, who won the mayoral race with ease on Election Night. He's another public servant who is working 24/7 to bring back the glory days of our magnificent city. I know his goal is to make us all feel safe, secure and proud of the greatest city in the world.

I am most grateful for the "Sensational Six"!

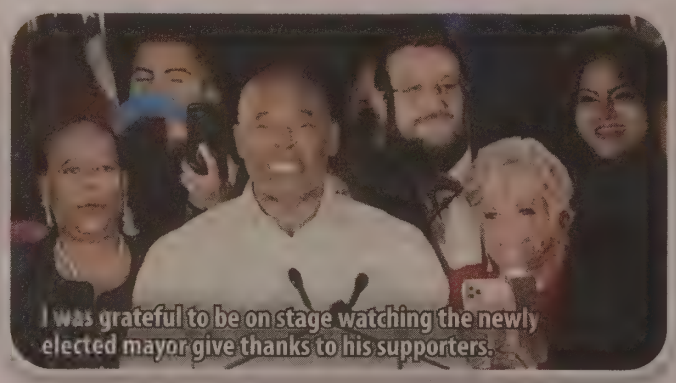
This is a time of year for showing gratefulness and giving back to our critical community services.

As a founder of the nonprofit Life's WORC, I understand the power of giving and how important the work of serving people with special needs is.

It is essential to give back, whether it be through volunteering or dollars.

Our publications over the next few weeks will be highlighting many organizations similar to Life's WORC that serve the community that you might consider supporting either by donating or volunteering.

I love listening to John Catsimatidis' WABC Radio show on Sundays featuring Dr. Pete Michalos, who John refers to as his "resident genius."


I was grateful to be on stage watching the newly elected mayor give thanks to his supporters.

This week, they were talking about how healthy it is to give back and to be generous.

Dr. Pete spoke about how being kind and generous can even add to your longevity and better your health. He said that the body literally feels good when you do good.

I laughed when I saw the tough, leather-suited Harley motorcycle guys drive up to the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island and deliver toys to the sick kids, bringing them joy and brightening their day. One of the motorcyclists admitted, "it made me happy to see the kids' smiling faces!"

What's sweeter than seeing a smile on a child's face when you give them a gift?

My friend Stacey Soloviev came over for lunch and shared with me her daily routine of giving gratitude for the sunrise, knowing a new day has begun, and taking great joy with the sunset, knowing the beauty it brings.

She shared a famous Buddhist quote that I want to share with you all:

"Every morning we are born again. What we do today matters most."

That's why I wear a frog ring. It's the only species that can't look to the left or to the right. It can't turn its head back and can only look forward.

In life we remember and cherish the past, but we must look forward and cherish each day with thanks and gratitude.

I always feel when I give, I get so much more back.

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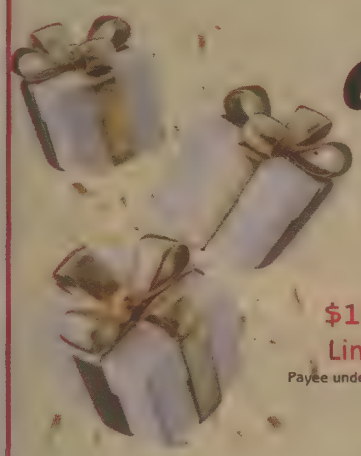

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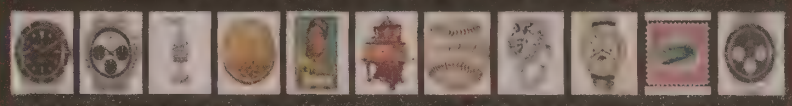

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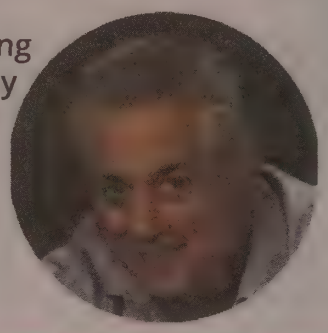

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Watermill Farm Views This new construction designer is now almost complete. Right in the heart of Watermill close to villages and beaches this new stunning home will have it all. Over 7500 sq ft on all three levels with 7 bedrooms 8.5 baths, expansive open living areas with formal dining and living rooms. Finished lower level with large gym with sauna and private terrace area, custom media room and large recreation room. Farm orchard views and beautifully landscaped private oasis with gunite pool with automatic cover, in pool speakers, and spa pool. WebID 1852378 $5,500,000

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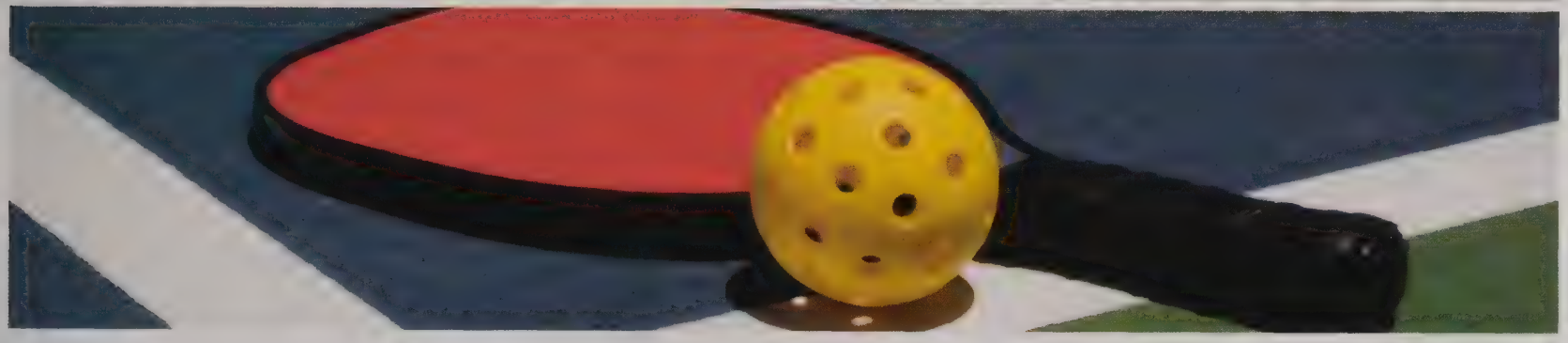

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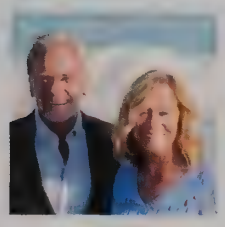
And if that isn't enough, then head to the garage where the EV Charging Station shares a wall with an assortment of brand new all-terrain bicycles, because this amazing property is just a stones throw from the entrance to the Northwest Woods' renowned Hiking and Biking Trails.

Interiors and much of the home were designed by Debra Geller, regularly recognized as one of The Hamptons' emerging young design talents. This two-acre, resolutely private estate is brilliantly located between Sag Harbor and East Hampton on idyllic Old Northwest Road.

The house is currently under construction, but you can call us directly for an advance private tour of the job site because renderings simply won't do justice to the thirty-foot-high beamed great-room, or the primary suite that opens directly out to the exciting pool house, garden and recreation complex.

The Summer of 2023 just may be the time of your life. Pickle Ball, Pickle Ball, Pickle Ball.



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REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

Delray Beach: "The Village by the Sea"

We want to know from those who know it best, what makes Delray Beach so special? Of course, there is the perfect beach weather and the fact that it boasts a thriving arts scene and bustling downtown with fabulous shopping and plenty to see and do. Many say that there is a laid-back vibe that makes Delray Beach an inviting beach town to not only visit, but to call home. We asked some of the top agents in the area to pinpoint why Delray is a stand-out.

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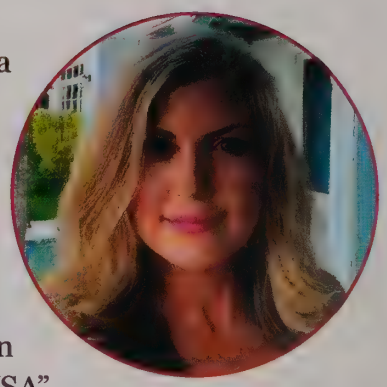
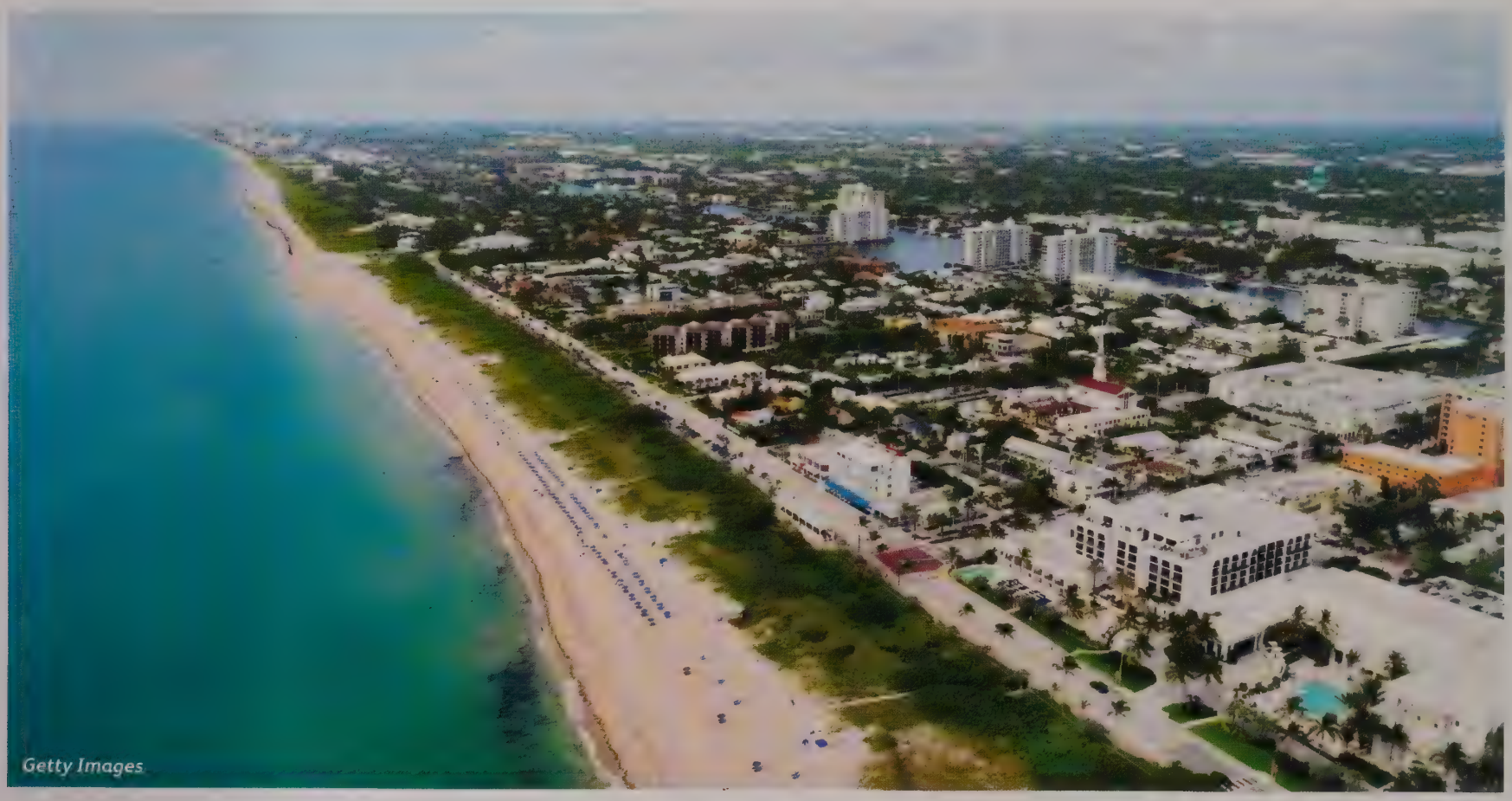


As a longtime resident and a luxury real estate specialist, one of my great joys is sharing our town with newcomers who have just "heard" of Delray Beach. I always share that our local lifestyle is incomparable, and it's why we have been chosen as the "Most fun town in the USA" by Rand McNally several times. We have charming shops, savory restaurants, elegant art galleries, and a multitude of amenities to entertain everyone in the crowd — movies, live music, happy hours, festivals and, of course, our gorgeous beaches. A new rage in town is pickleball, with tons of new groups forming and hitting the courts! If you want to grab a bike, kayak or sailboat, Oceanside Beach Service has several locations at the ready for outdoor fun. The food scene is one of our largest draws as well. A favorite restaurant of mine is The Grove, where Chefs Michael Haycook and Tony Coddington have created an ever-changing menu of the freshest ingredients served with warm hospitality. Any of their daily handmade pastas are drool-worthy. And last but not least, Delray is well-known for its beautiful homes, from historic bungalows to brand-new oceanfront mansions. Each neighborhood offers something special to those looking to buy their own tropical paradise.



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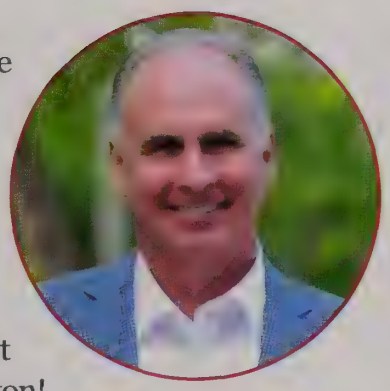

Delray Beach, Florida, the "Village by the Sea," lives up to its name. The only city in Florida recognized as a three-time "All-American City" award winner continues to attract tourists and locals. Some say Delray is where the people in Boca Raton go to get away from the people in Boca Raton! A charming beach town whose pulse is Atlantic Avenue, where fine and casual dining, nightclubs, bars and art galleries seem to coexist flawlessly. The attributes that make Delray Beach different from other coastal cities in the area — and what many people don't know — are that it is rich in history with five designated historical regions. Nearly 270 identified historic structures are preserved to guarantee that its roots will never be forgotten. Strict building codes that will not allow new construction that would exceed four stories and a beachfront that is a beachfront with no high-rise condominiums on the sand are what contribute to the "small town" feel. So whether you like the sophistication of the new Rosewater Rooftop Bar at The Ray Hotel or the locals' Delray Hideaway lounge or the cuisine of a Michelin-starred chef at Akira Back or a 2 a.m. cheese steak at Big Al's ... one thing is for sure, Delray Beach has it all.

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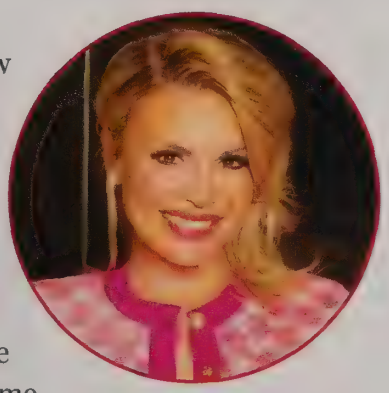

Delray Beach is one of the few burgeoning South Florida markets that's able to maintain its small-town charm amid an ever-expanding menu of offerings. The city works to maintain its intimate vibe with events that celebrate and bring together the community. But at the same time, Delray continues to establish itself as a dynamic destination. We're seeing world-class chefs put their stamp on the restaurant scene; developers reimagine downtown with residential projects, luxury boutique hotels and the state's largest food hall; and an emphasis on unique cultural offerings and entertainment. There's a buzz in the air about Delray — and for good reason!

Candace Friis
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DELRAY BEACH

Delray Beach is a unique blend of a quaint beach town coupled with all the luxury conveniences of international shopping and great eateries. Plus, it offers all the best of the coveted South Florida lifestyle. Delray has a vibrant, hip atmosphere — but it isn't too bustling that it feels overwhelming. The town is best known for Atlantic Avenue — it's where the cosmopolitan and beach vibes meet. What makes the town special is that in spite of its constant evolution, it still retains its "Village by the Sea" feel. Delray's best-kept secret is the Green Market every Saturday morning in Old School Square, where local vendors from around the county showcase their farm-to-fork produce. The area is growing with new swanky developments, innovative architecture, restaurants and things to do everywhere! But residents still get to know each other and bond, creating a tight-knit community. In addition, tennis is very popular in Delray. The most notable event for the sport is the Delray Open — which attracts players to compete from around the world.

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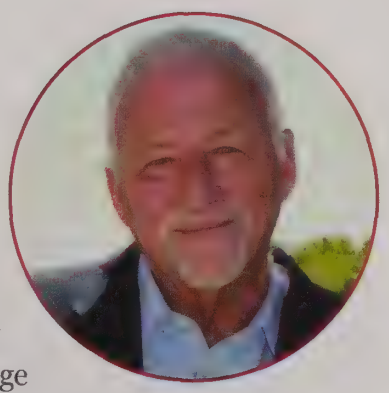

I've owned a townhouse in Delray, the "Village by the Sea," for the past five years, and it's always a pleasure to spend time there, though I haven't been able to get there as often as I would have liked. Delray is special in a way much like Southampton — the village has two miles of protected open beach access, and there's a height limit on buildings and no high-rise condos. In Delray, you'll find a better Christmas tree than New York City, a better market than Faneuil Hall in Boston, a new IPIC theater, a world-class tennis center and a new library, not to mention more great eateries than most resort destinations in America. Real estate values are through the roof, and the weather is sublime! As with all good things, the word gets out, and my favorite South Florida destination is certainly getting more crowded these days, but there's lots to love and share in Delray.

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Vince Marotta: Illustrating How to Sell Palm Beach

Story by Arlene Gross

Vince Marotta represented the seller of a Tillinghast Circle, which sold for $22.5 million in July of 2022, the highest priced sale in the history of Old Palm Golf Club. *Sara Kauss*

As the top-producing realtor with Illustrated Properties for the past three years in a row, Vince Marotta has been one of the top brokers in northern Palm Beach County over the same period of time.

A member of the prestigious leading real estate companies of the world, Illustrated Properties is owned by Mike Pappas, who also helms The Keyes Company. With a combined 3,000-plus agents, The Keyes Family of Companies make up the largest independent brokerage in Florida.

For his part, Marotta has concentrated his efforts on the six most exclusive areas of northern Palm Beach: the 400-acre Bear's Club, where Michael Jordan owns one of the 40 estates; Old Palm Golf Club; and Admiral's Cove – all golf communities — and Jupiter Island (home to Tiger Woods); the Intercoastal Waterway and Loxahatchee River.

Marotta is one of the top brokers in northern Palm Beach County. *Sara Kauss*

"I'm the only realtor who's sold homes over $10 million in all six of those areas," says Marotta, adding, "When a buyer is coming to town who wants the very best at the highest, wouldn't you want a realtor who's sold at the top of the market in all the areas?"

In addition to working at the top of the northern Palm Beach market, Marotta also sells a variety of other properties in the county for over $1 million.

The property at 14958 Palmwood Road on the Intracoastal Waterway in Palm Beach Gardens sold for $11 million in July of 2022, with Marotta representing the buyer. It's back on the market with Marotta for $13.9 million *Adam Dooms Photography*

The home at 11770 Calleta Court in Old Palm Golf Club sold above ask for $8,195,000 in June of 2022. Marotta represented the seller.
Adam Dooms Photography

Located directly on the Intracoastal Waterway, this Chester Bay Lane home in Frenchman's Harbor, also represented by Marotta, sold for $10.5 in July of 2021.
Adam Dooms Photography

"I'm as proud of the fact that I'm also the only realtor in a given year who's sold the highest priced condo in every single beachfront community, from Jupiter Island to Singer Island," he says.

FROM IVY TO REALTY

A graduate of Yale University, Marotta considered following many of his fellow classmates into a career in finance, but instead found himself drawn to real estate.

"There was something about the tangible element of it: going from an idea to a piece of paper from an architect to a builder to then furnishing it and then turning around and selling it," he explains.

Concentrating for years on the development end of the business, Marotta, like many others, was set back by the great recession and nearly wiped out by 2012.

"I had $25 million in construction loans. And there was just no new business being written and I was dying," he recalls.

At that point, Marotta decided to switch to buying and selling real estate — for other people.

Early on, word got out around an oceanfront condo he was selling a unit in that Marotta was washing the salt-streaked windows himself. When he returned home, there were messages from five people in the building asking him to sell their unit.

"That just showed me that if you work hard at the lowest levels, you'll work your way up," he says. "And that's always been the way I built my practice."

A STEP AHEAD OF THE REST

While many of his competitors work in teams of listing agents, Marotta prefers to show properties himself.

"I think it's very important that you have somebody with 35 years of experience out there who knows the market, knows why that house is saleable and actually shows up to sell it," he says.

Though he gets calls on a regular basis from big brokerages inviting him to join their ranks, Marotta remains loyal to Illustrated, where, he says, Pappas supports the agents in every way.

"I tell them, I appreciate the call, but I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be," says Marotta, noting that all the top agents at Illustrated support one another.

"They're always there to be helpful and collaborative. And I encourage the younger agents to reach out to me any time."

IT'S NOT WORK IF YOU LOVE WHAT YOU DO

A typical day for Marotta is spent looking at beautiful homes with highly successful people.

"They're just looking for a nice place where they can enjoy health and happiness," he says. "When you're dealing at the highest end, people are beyond pretense. They're just really cool people and I've enjoyed getting to know them, and I really love trying to put the pieces of the puzzle together."

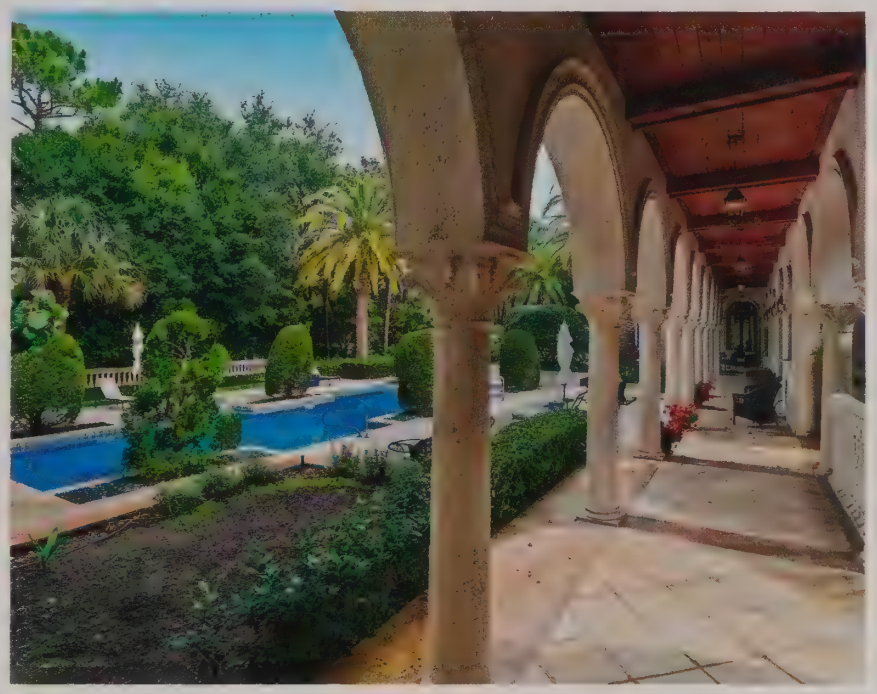
For Marotta, the goal is to do the very best for his clients.

"It's much more than earning the commission," he says.

"It's about reputation: it's how you handle your clients and how you interface with other top realtors."

In the stratosphere of northern Palm Beach real estate, there are about 40 or 50 top agents, notes Marotta.

"We all get along because we realize we're lucky to be here and we try to work well with each other," he says, adding, "I'm just fortunate: I have a job I really love."



Marotta repped the buyer in an off-market deal for a house in Jupiter's exclusive Bear's Club, which includes a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course. The home traded for $10,650,000 in June of 2021.
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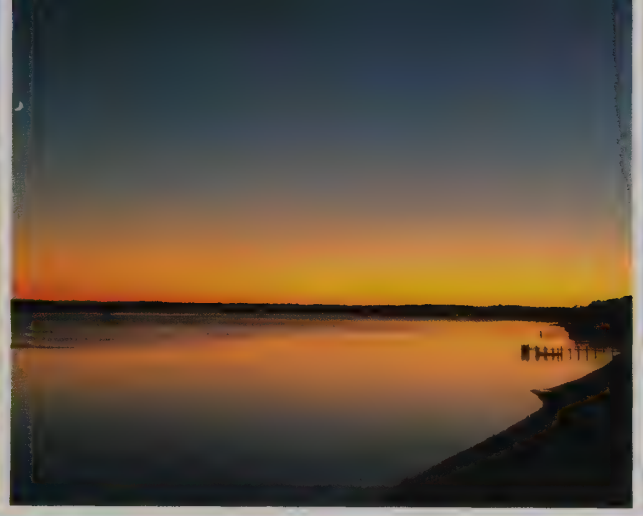

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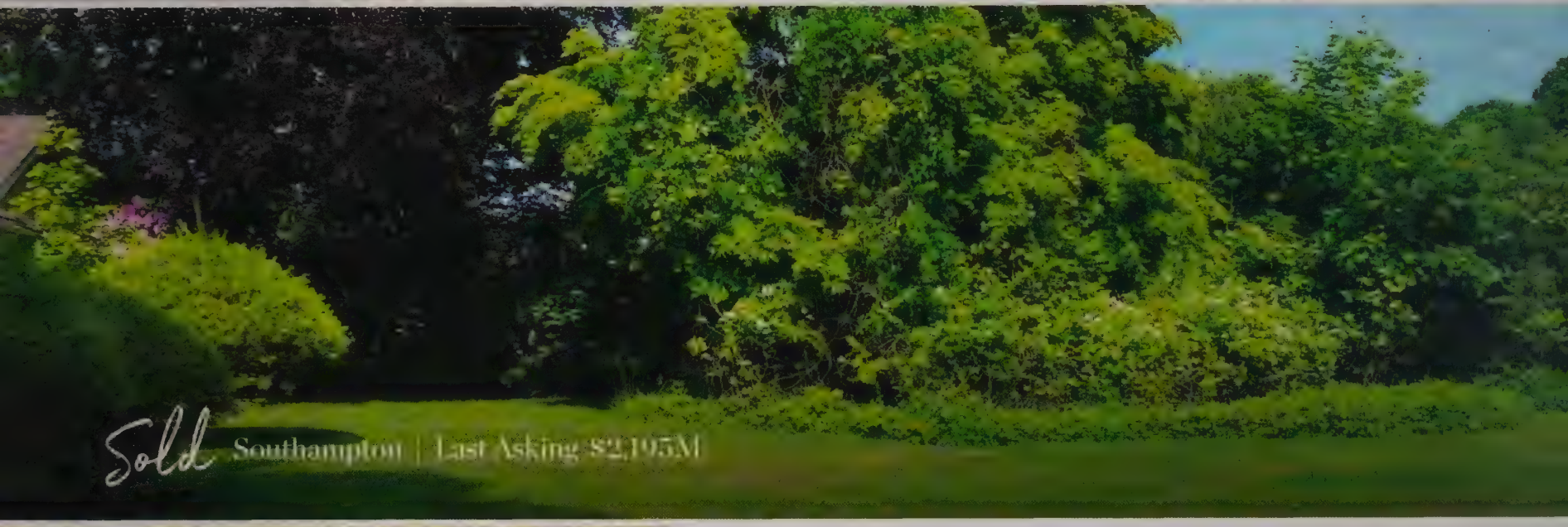

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Lauren Shapiro Creates Unique Ceramic Works to Highlight Climate Pressures

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South Florida-based visual artist Lauren Shapiro combines ceramics, technology and science to create modular sculptures and installations that, she says, reference systems and visual orders found in nature.

Utilizing a multi-step casting process in clay to make artwork both big and small, she often creates for public spaces and always draws inspiration from environmental research and data.

Also an educator, Shapiro leads community-based projects where participants hand-mold clay structures into site-specific arrangements that create awareness. As a Floridian, she is keenly aware of the growing climate pressures on tropical populations and she hopes her work draws attention to the issues and inspires solutions for the changing landscape.

"It's really about connecting people with the material and with the environment," she says.

"I grew up in Florida — I've been here my whole life. I've traveled quite a bit, but I'm based in Miami," she says. She has been creating ceramics for about 15 to 20 years and she earned a master's in fine arts from the University of Miami.

"Art was always something that was a focus of mine ever since a young age," she says. "I took a pottery class in college and I fell in love with the wheel and I didn't know what I was going to do with it, and I just kept taking classes and the next thing I knew I was a ceramics major," she says.

"The power of the material is really magical. I started doing more sculptural work and when I started graduate school here in Miami, I wanted to focus on mold making and multiples. And so that's where I became like a master mold maker," she explains. "That was the focus of my thesis."

"I even went to China on a residency and studied from masters there to see how it's really done — which is insane. They're like next-level technicians — they're technically perfect. So I did a residency in a town called Jingdezhen, where Ai Weiwei produced all of his pieces" she says of the noted Chinese contemporary artist, documentarian and activist.

Jingdezhen is known for its ancient porcelain production for more than 1,700 years and is known as the "Porcelain Capital" because of the important role it plays in the domestic and international ceramic industry.

There, she observed production from

"Flora Medallion," a glazed ceramic piece, measures 56 inches high by 56 inches wide and 4 inches deep. ***Courtesy of Todd Merrill Studio***

start to finish. "It's really all about, I guess, production in the way that you conceptualize a project and then you go to the clay person and then they give you the clay and then you give them the model and then they make the mold and then you take it to the glaze person and they do the glazing and take it to the kiln person. It was an interesting experience in not having my hand in everything and being more of a producer and seeing how that works.

"For some of the larger public works that I'm working on, that's what I end up doing a lot is producing. It's kind of collaborative in a way — collaborating with architects, designers, to help push my vision forward."

Shapiro began by doing a lot of carving and repetition. She was attracted to patterns, specifically patterns in nature and trying to replicate the forms that she saw, as well as the different types of textures. "Of course when you do that by hand it goes very slow," she says with a laugh. "So I wanted to study mold-making to help speed up my production and be able to make things that were larger or modular, or fit together. So it was really like a desire to kind of expand the

The artist Lauren Shapiro
Courtesy of Todd Merrill Studio

technique to make works that would form patterns a little bit more easily rather and more perfectly."

"The cool thing is that they're all unique, even though they begin with molds. Each one is a unique object — so it's more about speeding up the production to produce things that are larger or more installation based or sculptural."

The pieces can be quite large. "Garden Portals," one of the wall pieces now at the Todd Merrill Studio, is 9 by 6 feet in size, made in a high-fire glaze, so it can withstand the elements outdoors, though it can also hang indoors. The modular sculpture was created for the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami last year to reflect South Florida's native ecology and cultivate stewardship through community-driven workshops that help bring the project to life, the description says.

Her works are both small and large scale. She processes and fires molded clay pieces affixing them onto clay tiles for some of the work. It casts native and exotic flora found in the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in ceramic modular tiles. Shapiro foraged native plants, like corky stem passion flower, cycad, oak tree leaves, wild coffee and cabbage palm alongside tropical plants like philodendron, tree ferns, anthuriums and Alocasia. She created silicone molds from the specimens and led a series of community workshops, where participants pressed wet clay into molds to create sculptural replicas.

It was installed in one of the conservatories outside, and then it traveled to Design Miami last year, and now it's in Tribeca, Shapiro explains.

"That would probably be one of the larger pieces. I've also done sculptural work that's not permanent. I did a project a couple of years back here in Miami that was based on coral reef ecosystems — a large-scale monumental installation of 15,000 pounds of unfired clay that was built with the community."

An ephemeral clay installation and social practice project, was constructed as an archway also at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in 2019. Through a series of collaborative workshops for students and the general public, they modeled clay into the molds of plants and added them to a large post-and-lintel structure over the entrance doors to the Garden.

The project was taken down and the clay was recycled with water one week later to be used for another installation.

"Through these ephemeral compositions, it is my hope to cultivate in others a love of

"Garden Portals" is now available at the Todd Merrill Studio.
Courtesy of Todd Merrill Studio

clay, to inspire environmental stewardship and to serve as a reminder of the fragile and finite existence of our society's current relationship to its ecosystems," she says in her description on the website.

"Through the medium and its impermanence, the final outcome mimics the cycle of growth and decay that occurs in nature, calling participants to cultivate environmental stewardship and mindfulness," says Southampton and NYC based Todd Merrill Studio, which represents Shapiro.

"Future Pacific" was on view from November 2020 to May 2021 at the Bakehouse Art Complex in Miami, and supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation. Working with marine ecologist Dr. Nyssa Silbiger, whose research studied how human-driven stressors, including climate change, affect coastal marine ecosystems in the Pacific Ocean, they cast silicone molds of coral specimens to recreate them as textures in an immersive installation.

"Shapiro uses unfired clay to illustrate the fragility of coral reefs in response to human activity. The material gives visual form to the importance of Dr. Silbiger's research: as the clay dries, cracks and tears apart, it mimics the degradation of the corals," the description of the work says.

She calls it an experimental piece, as opposed to design work, which she says allows her the ability to explore scale without worrying about engineering or it being permanent.

On larger projects, she hires people from the local community to help. She works out of a co-op space at the Bakehouse Art Complex, an up-and-coming Miami artist residency with 60 artists. The people who help are friends or former students or people in the community who are interested in clay. "I always try to spread the love to my community, when I can," she says.

While her public pieces have gained traction, when it comes to the smaller pieces — tile work — she focuses on integration. "I'm really interested in working with architects and designers to think about work that is site specific — so made for one place as opposed to an application," she says. "I really love to make work specifically for people and for places, whether it be public or private. And I always think about when I design . . . where they go and that it's unique to that space."

The size and scope of the project of course determine the length it will take to complete. One public art commission was awarded to her in 2020, "and the building isn't even constructed yet!" she says.

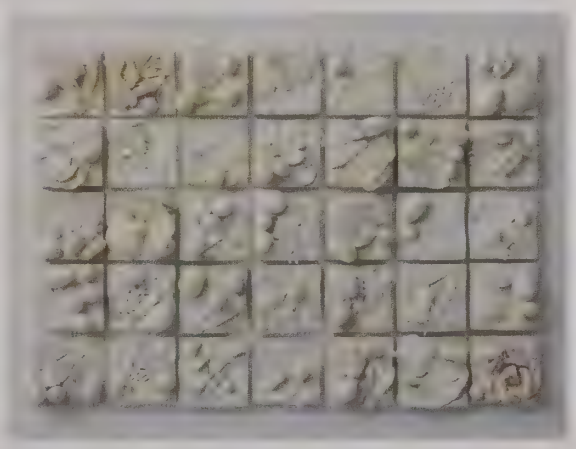
"The quicker it needs to be the more molds I need to make. So it really varies depending on place to place and what it is. If the molds exists, I can crank it out pretty fast, or if it's really custom, it can take longer."

When it comes to color, her work has typically featured more whites, off whites and muted tones "so that the material looks more like marble or that they're all like a monochromatic scheme, which sort of blends everything together," Shapiro explains.

"Lately I've been doing some more colorful glazes. I studied glaze chemistry during my master's degree. So I work with a lot of mid-range glazes and I experiment with chemicals and oxides, and there's a really amazing alchemy that happens with glazes. I do a lot of spray applications with overlap glazes and it takes a lot of testing and experimentation."

Colors can take a little longer to develop that chemistry, she says. "But I do have a lot of amazing tests in my studio where I can customize the pieces for any color really."

Among the projects Shapiro is working on now is a series of sculptural porcelain lamps and another tile piece for an exhibition sponsored by the Green Family Foundation in Miami, based on the tropical fruits of South Florida.



"Three Rivers," 35 unique glazed ceramic bas-relief sculptures, hang on the wall. ***Pedro Wazzan/ Courtesy of Lauren Shapiro***

"Crystal Coral Lamps," glazed ceramic sculptures with hand-built elements cast from 3D scans of coral reefs, vary between 12 and 15 inches. ***Pedro Wazzan/Courtesy of Lauren Shapiro***

"I work with a lot of scientists to draw inspiration for my work — so it's not just the plants. I've been working a lot with 3D scanning to basically use technology with the molds," she says.

"There's an element of technology in my work. I use digital fabrication methods to make a lot of these molds," she explains.

The tile prototype is made in a 3D software, and then it is either carved into a block using a CNC, which is a computer numeric code, or it is 3D printed. Some of these new lamp forms in particular, I've been using 3D printed models of endangered coral reefs loaned by scientists that have been captured in the field, and then casting them in porcelain."

Shapiro has been "integrating coral forms into the library of my mold system." The next step for her will be to utilize the underwater textures in her work. "They look remarkably a lot like leaves."

The molds themselves range in size, though, she says, "It's a little bit limited based on what I can lift."

The largest tile that she made last year was a 16-by-16-by-4. "That was so heavy. I actually had to suction it out with a bilge pump, which was not sexy," she says with a laugh.

"Then some of the larger forms, I'm able to kind of tip them over. And that gets into really thinking about production of creating fulcrums and clamps that can actually pour them out. And this is why I'm constantly applying to a residency at John Michael Kohler Arts Center [in Sheboygan, Wisconsin], where they would give me free reign of the factory. I'm always applying to these residencies to get the opportunity to do that and learn more about how to make bigger molds and actually be able to handle them because they're quite heavy."

'Majestic' Oasis in Delray's Stone Creek Ranch

story by Taylor K. Veesey | photos by Danny Petroni Photography and RISE Media

A contemporary lakefront home, built in 2017, boasts a resort-like backyard.

About 20 miles south of Palm Beach and 50 miles north of Miami in west Delray Beach is one of the most luxurious homes on the market in the country.

"The Sundara Estate is a contemporary masterpiece that features world-class design with unrivaled amenities, privacy and security," says Douglas Elliman's Senada Adžem, an internationally known luxury real estate expert, who listed the property exclusively six weeks ago.

The list price for the fully-furnished home: $27.5 million — and it's clear why.

"The majestic outdoor oasis inspired by the Zen-infused luxury of the Four Seasons Bali perfectly combines the elements of water and fire, and creates a one-of-a-kind setting, complete with a 170,000-gallon saltwater pool, cascading water features, an elevated lounge with an oversized jacuzzi, and poolside cabanas," Adžem explains of the nearly mega-mansion.

Custom built in 2017, it has widely been called one of the most exquisite properties in the United States and has been featured internationally from CNBC to *Forbes* magazine.

The estate at 9200 Rockybrook Way is set behind the gates of Stone Creek Ranch — one of the most exclusive communities in South Florida with only 37 ultra-luxury residences. Steven Cohen, the billionaire hedge fund manager, Long Island native and majority owner of the New York Mets, and Gerry P. Smith, CEO of The ODP Corporation, which has banner brands include the Boca Raton-based Office Depot, are counted among its residents. Cohen set a record for that area of unincorporated Palm Beach County, near Boca Raton, when he paid $21.6 million for a 31,000-square-foot waterfront home, The Real Deal reported in 2021. Adžem was also the listing agent in that transaction.

The estate at 9200 Rockybrook Way encompasses 2.67 acres of lakefront living.

All 17,797 square feet of living space, which includes a guest house, is made of the "finest materials, craftsmanship and architectural originality," according to the listing. The total footprint of the house, including garages and covered spaces, tops out at 29,411 square feet.

Stuart Brenner Architects, a Boca Raton firm, designed the estate, built by AK Building, based in Southern Palm Beach County. Michael Gray Interiors, a nationally pub-

A 170,000-gallon saltwater pool features cascading water features, fire elements and an elevated lounge with an oversized jacuzzi.

A dressing room that would surely make Coco Chanel happy. Inspired by a Chanel boutique, the walk-in closet features white Lucite and acrylic material, open shelving and a spot for every designer clothing or accessory item imaginable.

lished designer with a high-profile clientele in South Florida, oversaw the interior design of the six-bedroom, nine full-bath and two-half-bath house.

A home of that size has a dramatic flair, evident from the two-story grand foyer. Windows rise from the floor up 30 feet, while a modern custom acrylic chandelier, inspired after a haute couture ruffled gown to draw the feel of timeless elegance further, Hedges was told, hangs over the center. A floating Thassos-marble staircase with a glass railing leads to the second level.

A Juliette balcony overlooks the living room below, where floor-to-ceiling windows in the double-height space allow for the ultimate view of resort-style outdoor space. A 30-foot-high Carrera gas fireplace is shared between the living room and the private office on the other side. A hidden passageway leads from the office to a cigar lounge, featuring a state-of-the-art air purification system ensuring no smells escape.

A walkway with mother-of-pearl inlay leads to the glamorous primary suite that includes one of the most unique details *Behind The Hedges* has seen so far — and Adžem's personal favorite room in the house; the Chanel-inspired closet and sitting area.

Made of white Lucite and acrylic material, high fashion clothing, jewelry, shoes and handbags can be showcased. There is a specific spot for everything — even sunglasses — as well as a movable ladder.

"Everything about this boutique closet radiates luxury — from the moment you walk through the automatic sliding glass doors to the double-height open shelving for all your haute couture — including your designer shoes. It's every woman's dream closet!" she says.

Not to be outdone, there is another massive closet, which the former owner called his "Air Jordan room," as it showcases his vast collection of never-worn Michael Jordan sneakers.

Meanwhile, the oversized primary suite also offers dual bathrooms, a private terrace and even a hidden safe room.

The home also features a state-of-the-art entertainment area totaling more than 4,000 square feet. This includes a theater designed by CinemaTech that seats 20, a game room and "a swanky hotel-inspired bar."

Doors open to an indoor-outdoor lounge area that features a summer kitchen.

Back inside the home, there is a gourmet Downsview Kitchen, a state-of-the-art custom manufacturer and industry leader, with double islands and glass-enclosed fine china storage, as well as a breakfast room with built-in seating. There is a separate industrial catering kitchen and top-of-the-line appliances throughout.

In addition, a sleek, custom-designed, art-inspired wine cellar with a bizzara tile curvilinear roof, a Terzani chandelier, a Thassos marble floor with a black oak design features illuminated linear shelving for bottle display and the capacity for 1,000 bottles.

A butler's pantry leads into the dining room, "an artfully designed space with more than $100,000 of imported Terzani lighting fixtures" and backlit onyx on one wall, according to the listing.

The home also boasts a large gym, where you can get in a workout on the Peloton treadmill while staring at the freeform pool, and recover in the sauna or relax in the massage room nearby.

A feng shui master helped to ensure all of the exterior spaces were designed to allow "optimal energy flow."

The mega pool includes a fire feature in the center and two raised cabanas, one with the hot tub and another with a sitting area, both connected by walkways and a sundeck. Water cascades down back into the pool and custom ambiance lighting is synchronized with the latest audio technology.

A lifesize game of chess adds whimsical flair, while a massive Buddha statue creates a zen space near a gas fire pit just off of the pool area.

A porte cochère leads to "a dream garage" by any car collector's standards that holds nine vehicles with the option to add additional car lifts to fit more. There is also ample parking outdoors in what is being called a motor court.

The property is also home to a guest house with one bedroom and one bathroom, as well as a small living room, kitchenette and private entrance.

Lastly, there is a lighted tennis court with a viewing pavilion and plenty of privacy thanks to being surrounded by mature landscaping.

The house last sold for $17 million, unfurnished, in January of 2020. The Senada Adžem Team also had the listing.

Hamptons Hospitality Group Adds Marinas, NoFo Locales

story by Taylor K. Vecsey

Shagwong Marina—Southampton, formerly Prime Marina Southampton, is one of three new marinas EHP Hospitality Group has purchased on the East End of Long Island.
Shagwong Marinas & Boat Club

EHP Hospitality Group, a rapidly growing collection of resorts, marinas, and restaurants in the Hamptons, is now expanding to the North Fork, of Long Island, making it one of the largest marina owners and operators on Long Island, offering nearly 500 boat slips in total.

Last week, the hospitality group — which began with the EHP Resort & Marina in East Hampton and Shagwong Boat Club a half-mile away on Three Mile Harbor nearly three years ago — announced the addition of three new marinas to their portfolio: Prime Marina Southampton in Hampton Bays was purchased in December and New Suffolk Shipyard and New Suffolk Shipyard — Cutchogue Harbor were acquired in October for yet-to-be-disclosed figures.

Under the new ownership, the three marinas will be rebranded as Shagwong Marina—Southampton, Shagwong Marina—New Suffolk, and Shagwong Marina—Cutchogue. EHP Hospitality Group plans to make improvements to the existing facilities, saying in a statement that it will elevate the overall guest experience for which the group is becoming known.

"In 2020, the group acquired Shagwong Marina in the Town of East Hampton, a beautiful iconic boutique marina with approximately 40 slips and an incredible spot with heritage that both guests and locals have loved for years," says Brigid Cotter, Head of Marketing for EHP Hospitality Group. "The group chose to use the Shagwong name as each marina is situated on premier and generational real estate with unbeatable locations across the East End."

Its new marinas certainly are more prime spots on the waterfront.

Shagwong Marina—Southampton, the former Prime Marina is located on 5.12 acres at 6 Tepee Street in Hampton Bays in the Town of Southampton. A full-service marina with direct access to the Atlantic Ocean, Shinnecock Bay and Peconic Bay, it offers ap-

Summer 2023 will be here soon enough.
Shagwong Marinas & Boat Club

A boat in the water at EHP Resort & Marina
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proximately 175 slips that can accommodate yachts up to 120 feet in the summer. There is a fueling dock and three boat lids that can handle 75-ton vessels. During the off season, the marina has capacity to store over 125 boats. A yoga studio with extraordinary views will be an easy place to find some zen after a day on the water, and there is a ship store.

The New Suffolk Shipyard at 6775 New Suffolk Road is one of the oldest marinas on eastern Long Island. Now called Shagwong Marina—New Suffolk, it offers 60 slips on Cutchogue Harbor, which filters out to Little Peconic Bay on the south side of the North Fork. The 2.3-acre property is not far from some of the best vineyards on Long Island and close to bay beaches and North Fork restaurants.

New Suffolk Shipyard—Cutchogue Harbor, now Shagwong Marina—Cutchogue, is located nearby on Wickham Creek. The 3.82-acre property at 3350 W. Creek Avenue offers more than 100 slips with deep-water access, a ship store, a fueling dock, summer dockage and winter storage capabilities for boats up to 60 feet.

"Boaters can expected unrivaled locations with premier dockage and top-tier services across all Shagwong Marinas," Cotter continues. "Each marina shares a common ethos for guests to enjoy beautiful, convivial locations with great service and epic waterfront views and the recent acquisitions will maintain the historic integrity of each location."

EHP Hospitality Group is now one of the largest marina operators on Long Island, offering a total of nearly 500 slips.
Courtesy of EHP Hospitality Group

Limited seasonal and transient slips for the 2023 season are available for booking, and more information can be found at shagwong.com.

EHP Hospitality Group, led by Heath Freeman, the managing director of New York-based Alden Global Capital, also manages eateries that include Sí Sí Restaurant, and Sunset Harbor, and the Italian-style Buongiorno Bakery — all situated on nine waterfront acres at EHP Resort & Marina East Hampton, the Latin American-inspired restaurant Crash Cantina in Hampton Bays.

Looking toward summer 2023, Cotter says, "Not only is EHP Hospitality expanding the marina business, but guests and locals can look forward to the opening of two brand new restaurant concepts next spring."

In 2022, the group purchased the Southampton Village building that long housed the popular and well-known Red Bar Brasserie for more than two decades before it shuttered in 2018. The space and restaurant has been reimagined, will open in 2023 as Enchanté, French for "enchanted to meet you." It is being billed as a modern French-inspired bistro, set in an airy glass-enclosed space with an adjacent outdoor patio.

Then, over in Hampton Bays, EHP Hospitality Group is expanding the footprint of The Inn Spot, a bayfront hotel and restaurant purchased in 2021, and a sister location, considered a "hangout" that will be called the Dune Spot.

"The laid-back, chic waterfront restaurant features panoramic views of the bay and is situated on Dune Road, steps from Ponquogue Beach and just over the bridge from The Inn Spot. Think bay to beach vibes, long rosé lunches, and a daily "après-surf" experience," the statement says.

The hospitality group will improve the services at the existing marinas it purchased in 2022.
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139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. 631-537-5106, wolffer.com

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16-18

Don't miss the Hampton Theatre Company as they present this adaptation of the classic film by Frank Capra. Friday's show will begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday's performances begin at 2:30 p.m. Arrive early to enjoy hot beverages before the show.
125 Jessup Avenue, Quogue. 631-653-6955, hamptontheatre.org

HOLIDAY HARMONIES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7:30-9 P.M.

Head on over to St. Rosalie's Church for some sparkling holiday carols, complete with a lovely ambiance and acoustics. Prepaid admission is $30, and tickets are $40 at the door.
31 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-807-3642, hamptonbaysrotary.org

JUDY CARMICHAEL AT BAY STREET THEATER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 8-9:30 P.M.

Head on out to Sag Harbor, where you'll enjoy the stride piano and swing of Judy Carmichael. She will have her jazz trio with her. Tickets begin at $40.
1 Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500, baystreet.org

DAMIEN SNEED AT WESTHAMPTON BEACH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 8-9:30 P.M.

Sing along to Damien Sneed's renditions of holiday classics as well as gospel, rock and jazz favorites at the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center.
76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-1500, whbpac.org

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 8 P.M.

Don't miss Inda Eaton, whose career as an American singer-songwriter spans 20 years and eight albums. Her humor and flair make her rock and folk-infused songs feel homey and soothing. Tickets are $40.
161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.com

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Don't miss this special telling of the Christmas story presented by the Sunday School students from the Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons.
111 Saint Andrews Road, Southampton. 631-275-1851, dormitionhamptons.org

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 9-10:30 A.M.

Don't miss this moderately-paced 1.5-mile hike from Vineyard Field to the grasslands of Poxabogue County Park. You'll learn about local plants and get some exercise at the same time!
365 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-745-0689, sofo.org

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 3:30 P.M.

Kick off the holiday with a parade of cars topped with menorahs that will travel from the Chabad of the Hamptons to the Hook Windmill on North Main Street in East Hampton, where the grand community menorah will be lit.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2-4 P.M.

Head on over to the Rogers Memorial Library for a lighthearted afternoon with this romantic comedy about a bright and successful fund manager who leaves everything behind to pursue a career as an opera singer in Scotland.
91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. 631-283-0774, rogersmemorial.librarycalendar.com

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 8 A.M.-NOON

Car enthusiasts are welcome to enjoy a Saturday talking about their favorite autos in a relaxed atmosphere. Lots of parking is available and refreshments will be served at a discounted price.
471 County Road, 39, Southampton. 631-600-2277, carsandcoffeeevents.com

ARTISTS & ARTISANS HOLIDAY MARKET

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 AND 18, 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

Head on over to Ashawagh Hall for some serious holiday shopping that includes local art, sculpture and kitchen gits. On Saturday, you can enjoy a prosecco shopping spree and meet Santa from 4–7 p.m.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

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102 Old Riverhead Road West, Hampton Bays. 631-728-7387, southamptonanimalshelter.com

FITNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 11 A.M.-NOON

Older adults can enjoy this virtual fitness class designed specifically for their needs presented by the East Hampton Library. Renae Puco is a certified group fitness instructor who teaches classes in Body Sculpting, Kickboxing, Zumba and Pilates.
159 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0222, easthamptonlibrary.org

FLOOR YOGA WITH LEAH & ALINI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Bring your own mat to the Montauk Library, where you'll flex, pose and stretch with alternating instructors Leah and Alini. Yoga can improve strength, balance and flexibility while helping you to lose weight and stay in shape.
871 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-3377, montauklibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

LONGHOUSE ILLUMINATED: SEE THE GARDEN IN DIFFERENT LIGHTS

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 17

Don't miss the last weekend to check out the elegant grounds of the Longhouse Reserve as they are dappled with luminaria and sparkling sculptures. Treats and hot beverages are also part of the fun. Purchase your ticket ahead of time.
133 Hands Creek Road, East Hampton. 631-329-3568, longhouse.org

HAND MADE: GUITARS ACCORDING TO G. E. SMITH & THE AMERICAN ARTISTS' HAND ARCHIVE

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 22

Don't miss one of the last weekends to catch this exhibit at The Church featuring a collection of 16 rare and classic guitars along with the American Artists' Hands Archive assemblage of 31 bronze cast sculptures depicting the hands of visual artists.
48 Madison Street, Sag Harbor. 631-919-5342, thechurchsagharbor.org

ART FOR GIVING

ON VIEW THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Don't miss this unique exhibit benefiting the Heart of the Hamptons at MM Fine Art. It's a wonderful opportunity for art collectors and gift-givers to find something unique. Artists whose work will be sold include Rainier Andreesen, Irina Alimanestianu and Brian O'Leary.
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44075 Main Road, Peconic. 631-765-6188, ospreysdominion.com

TOMMY CAMPO AT JASON'S VINEYARD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1:30-6 P.M.

Tommy Campo is a local singer, guitarist and music teacher who will be playing all of your favorite hits while you drink a glass of your favorite wine at Jason's Vineyard.

1785 Main Road, Jamesport. 631-238-5801, jasonsvineyard.com/events

NEW MILLENNIUM: SINATRA'S BIRTHDAY BASH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 7 P.M.

Join The Suffolk for an elegant evening of dancing, wine, appetizers and desserts to the music of Frank Sinatra as performed by the 19-piece New Millennium Big Band. Tickets begin at $45.

118 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-727-4343, suffolktheater.com

North Fork EVENTS

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Don't miss a fun party with an ugly dress code at The Chequit, a tavern and hotel conveniently located a close walk from the Shelter Island Ferry. Reserve a room for the complete weekend experience.

23 Grand Avenue, Shelter Island Heights. 631-749-0018, thechequithotel.com

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

WINEMAKING EXPERIENCE AT SANNINO VINEYARD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Make your appointment to visit Sannino Vineyard for the ultimate wine experience. You'll tour the vineyards, wind production facilities and barrel cellar before enjoying a light lunch. Next, be a hands-on participant in a red wine blending session and take home your own bottle.

15975 County Road 48, Cutchogue. 631-734-8282, sanninovineyard.com

MENORAH LIGHTING AT CUTCHOGUE VILLAGE GREEN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 4-5 P.M.

Bundle up and head on out for this lighting of the Menorah in Cutchogue hosted by the North Fork Reform Synagogue.

27320 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-2096, northforkreformsynagogue.org

COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 5 P.M.

Don't miss this Menorah Lighting at Riverhead's beautiful Riverfront Park presented by Temple Israel Riverhead. Jelly doughnuts are included!

40 Peconic Avenue, Riverhead. 631-727-3191, templeisraelriverhead.org

ENRICHING PROGRAMS

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, NOON-4 P.M.

Head on over to Sparkling Pointe to celebrate the twinkle of the season. You'll enjoy a flight of four sparkling wines paired with custom-baked cookies and desserts supplied by The Treatery L.I. Purchase your tickets in advance online.

39750 County Road 48, Southold. 631-765-0200, sparklingpointe.com

HOLIDAY 2022 PAINT & SIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1-2:30 P.M.

Enjoy painting two glasses with a holiday theme at Pindar Vineyards while sipping on bubbly available by the glass or bottle. The cost of $40 includes wine glasses and all of the materials for painting.

37645 Main Road, Peconic. 631-734-6200, pindar.net

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 6:30-7 P.M.

Enjoy this relaxing virtual event presented by the Riverhead Free Library from the comfort of your living room. A guided meditation will help to restore balance and inner peace.

330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228, riverhead.librarycalendar.com

ART EXHIBITIONS

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THROUGH DECEMBER 17

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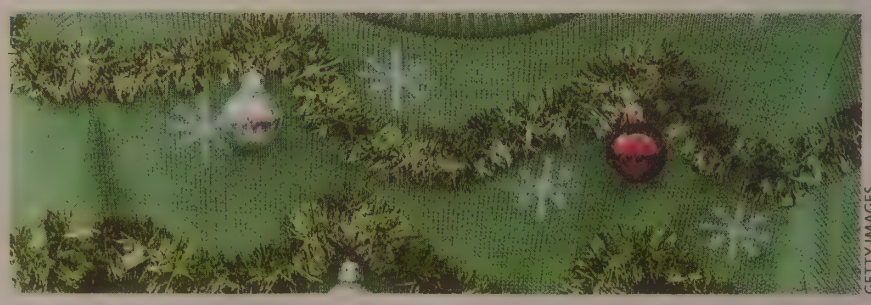
133 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-369-2171, eastendarts.org



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290 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2345, gurneysresorts.com/montauk

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FEW COOKIES ARE AS FESTIVE AS GINGERBREAD MEN.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 10-11:15 A.M.

Don't miss this special telling of the Christmas story by children in grades K–5 in the newly renovated sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton.

120 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0711, fpceh.org

TEEN CHANUKAH PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 4-5:30

Bring your teens over to Temple Adas Israel in Sag Harbor, where they can bring in the holiday in style with their friends.

30 Atlantic Avenue, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0904, templeadasisrael.org

HOLIDAY FARM TOUR WITH MRS. CLAUS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 11 A.M.-2 P.M.

Saddle up your little ones and head on over to Spirit's Promise Equine Rescue, where they will get a chance to meet the equine reindeer and other farm animals. Afterward, they can enjoy storytime with Mrs. Claus in the barn as well as plenty of photo ops.

2746 Sound Avenue, Baiting Hollow. 631-875-0433, spiritspromise.com

ROLLIN' WITH RAMBO SKATE CLASS, GRADES K-3

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 3:45-4:45 P.M.

Bring your little skater over to Project Most, where ex-roller derby athlete Samantha Duane will teach basic skate moves to beginners. Bring your own roller skates and protective gear.

44 Meadow Way, East Hampton. 631-655-4586, projectmost.org/workshops-events

FAMILY FUN ATTRACTIONS ON THE EAST END

THE ALL-STAR

Your kiddos won't want to miss Hyperbowling, a mix of electronics, lights and sensors at the All-Star. There are also plenty of burgers, salads and pizza pies when they are ready for a break.

96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-4232, theallstargrill.com

BUCKSKILL WINTER CLUB

Get your little skaters out and about at Buckskill, where they can enjoy public ice skating, lessons, hockey and teen nights. Tickets are available by the session or in packets of 5 or 10 sessions for adults or children. Rent your skates or bring along your favorite pair.

178 Buckskill Road, East Hampton. 631-324-2243, buckskillwinterclub.com

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE EAST END

Learn about ships, windmills and creating your own farm at this favorite East End children's destination. Mini golf is free with admission!

376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250, cmee.org

THE FUDGE COMPANY

If your kiddos have a sweet tooth, they won't want to miss out on the Fudge Company, where they can enjoy exotic, seasonal flavors like jamocha mud slide or pumpkin fudge. In addition, there are plenty of penny candies, wafers and taffy options tantalizingly displayed throughout the store.

67 Main Street, Southampton. 631-283-8108, southamptonfudgecompany.com

GDC ROLLER-SKATING RINK

Take your little high roller over to the Greenport American Legion, where there is an open skate for all ages every Sunday afternoon, as well as special events for teens. Kids can bring their own skates or rent them at the rink.

102 3rd Street, Greenport. greenportamericanlegion.org

HOLIDAY LIGHTS DISPLAY

THROUGH DECEMBER 31, BEGINNING AT 5 P.M.

Take your kiddos to an exciting holiday experience in Riverhead, where they'll enjoy special light displays set to music on your radio. Tickets are $25 per carload and season passes are available.

2549 Splish Splash Drive, Calverton. 631-210-6711, holidaylightshow.com

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Don't miss out on serious holiday fun that includes ice skating, a petting zoo, bouncy houses, hayrides, cookie decorating and face painting. You'll also enjoy hot apple cider, popcorn and smores while you sit by the firepit. And don't forget to pick out your tree while you're there!

30105 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-735-9242, santaschristmastreefarmli.com

SHAMROCK CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Celebrate the magic of the season with your kiddos at Shamrock, where they can pick out their tree as well as enjoy activities like Charlie Brown Land, train rides and photos with Santa. Parents will appreciate the gift shop and snack shed.

20685 Main Road, Mattituck. 631-298-4619, shamrockchristmastreefarm.com

SPORTIME AMAGANSETT

If your youngsters like to get moving, take them over to Sportime, where an indoor ice rink, inline skating, basketball court and indoor swimming pool are all part of the active fun.

385 Abrahams Park, East Hampton. 631-267-3460, sportimeny.com/amagansett-multi-sport

STEPHENSON'S TOYS & GAMES

If you're looking for a unique gift or just somewhere fun to visit with the kiddos, head on over to Stephenson's, where they can choose from a wide selection of toys and games. The friendly staff also gets rave reviews from parents and little shoppers.

69 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2111, stevensonstoys.com

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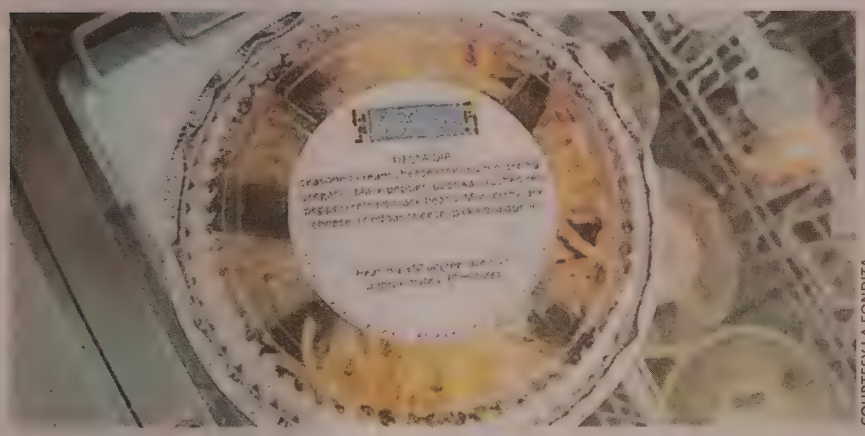

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COURTESY HIGHWAY RESTAURANT & BAR

HIGHWAY RESTAURANT & BAR

BY HARRY POWERS

Dig in to this week's East End foodie news bites!

Deck the **Rowdy Hall** with boughs of holly, fa la la la la! The English pub/French bistro is offering a la carte holiday specials, in addition to their regular menu, for Chanukah and Christmas Eve. The Chanukah specials will be available Sunday, December 18 and Monday, December 19 while the Christmas Eve specials will be available on Saturday, December 24 for lunch service only. Additional dates may be announced. The specials, subject to change, include potato latkes, red wine braised brisket, seafood bisque with toasted baguette and a crispy local cod cake sandwich.

The fun doesn't stop there either. Rowdy is also offering a la carte holiday specials for lunch and dinner for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, featuring smoked ham hock and lentil soup, Cuban sandwich, smoked salmon, baby lamb chops, crab omelet and classic eggs benedict. Visit Rowdy Hall's website to view the menus.

Nick & Toni's will also be celebrating the Festival of Lights, on the first night of Chanukah, Sunday, December 18 with a la carte specials. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the restaurant directly at 631-324-3550 or by visiting nickandtonis.com. The regular a la carte menu will also be available. The specials, subject to change, include beet cured arctic char, braised beef short rib and for a sugary nightcap, house-made doughnuts. Holiday pounds don't count.

L & W Market is offering to-go meals for Chanukah. Orders must be placed by 8 p.m. on December 23 for pickup on December 26, 1–3 p.m. at Almond. Orders may be placed online or by calling 631-537-1123. Latkes and jelly doughnuts will be available starting the first night of Chanukah, December 18. Main course options include red wine braised brisket and whole roasted chicken.

If you've become the designated cook for your family between Thanksgiving and the holidays, **Lulu Kitchen & Bar** in Sag Harbor is here to offer relief with their delectable Holidays at Home takeout menu. From full dinner menus to platters, canapes and a la carte items, Lulu has your holiday meal covered. The pastry team will be preparing traditional house-made Bûche de Noël cakes, which is a chocolate sponge cake layered with dark chocolate mousse and brandied cherry and white chocolate mousse. The cakes come in two sizes that feed 2–4 people for $65 or 6–10 people for $120. Orders must be placed at least 48 hours before Christmas Eve and there is a limited amount available. Items on the Holiday at Home takeout menu include fresh baked baguettes, oysters on the half shell, cowboy ribeye, house foie gras torchon, smoked salmon plate and truffle potato gratin. Holiday orders over $400 will receive a complimentary $50 gift card to use during a future visit to Lulu!

Another terrific holiday takeout offering is provided by **The 1770 House** in East Hampton. The choice for the "feast to go" includes a roast, trimmed and tied for the oven with three fully cooked sides for $500. The meal feeds up to six people and the roast choices are as follows: pastured Oregon beef tenderloin, a Berkshire pork standing rib roast or a boneless leg of free-range Australian lamb. For sides, indulge yourself in a root vegetable gratin with potatoes, sweet potatoes, caramelized onion and gruyere cheese, creamed spinach and roasted Brussels sprouts. And last but not least, desserts will be a local crostata with vanilla gelato or tiramisu. Additionally, 1770 House has a couple of supplements for appetizers, such as poached shrimp with cocktail sauce for $35 per dozen and a quart of lobster bisque for $40. Orders must be placed by phone at 631-324-1770 by December 18 for pickup on Dec. 23 between 1 and 3 p.m. The restaurant will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Highway Restaurant & Bar in East Hampton is offering a plethora of holiday dining options this month. The regular menu will be served on December 23–24 and the last two days of 2022 with the addition of Peking duck and sushi for dine-in at the restaurant. For at-home dining, Highway's takeout option is a $450 family-style meal for four people available on the same dates, featuring dim sum of spicy tuna tartar, Korean chicken buns, and pork and cabbage dumplings. Starters include kale salad and papaya and crab and for mains, crab fried rice, chicken and cashews, and roasted Peking duck.

Did You Know?

If you're stumped on gifts, **Park Place Wines & Liquors** has a suggested gift list, selected by the store's specialists and sommeliers. The list includes fabulous bottles of wine, brut, bergamot liqueur, tequila and gin, among other alcohols.

There are many great local items you can ship to far away friends for the holidays. **Carissa's Bakery**, **Amber Waves**, **Harbor Market** and **Springs Fireplace Hot Sauce** provide a myriad of awesome gifts, such as bottles of olive oil, beach plum jelly, jams, honey, hot sauces and an array of chutneys. And **Le Creuset** in Bridgehampton is your go-to spot for stellar cooking equipment.

Bits & Bites:

For a feliz Navidad, snag some of **La Fondita**'s delicious frozen items, such as fiesta dip and sopa de tortilla, for home. They'll be closed December 20 to January 11, so stock up while you can!

Forget fruit cake, **Loaves & Fishes** in Sagaponack is whipping up scrumptious desserts this holiday season. They have chosen peppermint stracciatella to feature as their December ice cream, and we can't nod harder about that. They will also be offering roast goose, lamb chops and Bûche de Noël the week leading up to Christmas.

Food Quotes:

"If you can't feed 100 people, then just feed one." –Mother Teresa

Recipe: Lulu Kitchen & Bar Truffle Pappardelle

Truffles are not plants or animals — they're underground mushrooms in the fungi kingdom.

They also happen to be quite a delicious mushroom.

This truffle pappardelle recipe (serves 4–6) by Philippe Corbet of Lulu Kitchen and Bar is stupefying.

Ingredients for Black Truffle Pasta Dough:

11 oz. 00 flour
3.5 oz. Semolina flour (fine)
1 pinch Kosher salt
1 tbsp. White truffle oil
1 tbsp. Tarragon vinegar
1 tbsp. Fresh black truffle (zester)
4 Egg yolks

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients in a bread mixer or knead by hand. Mix for 20 min.

2. Let rest 1 hour before rolling the pappardelle to number 6 on the pasta making machine or cut by hand — 8 pappardelle per portion.

This recipe comes to us from Lulu Kitchen & Bar at 126 Main Street in Sag Harbor.

Discover even more of Lulu Kitchen & Bar's delicious dishes at lulusagharbor.com.

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East End Christmas Cuisine: 10 Places to Consider for Your Holiday Meal

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BY DAVID TAYLOR

Christmas Eve is coming up fast, so if you don't already have dinner reservations or other arrangements, you'd better step to it before it's too late. To help you with that endeavor, here are 10 East End restaurants and hotels offering Christmas dining specials, catering and similar happenings.

Old Stove Pub

This Christmas Eve, Sagaponack favorite Old Stove Pub is serving a $75 prix fixe dinner menu including choice of soup, salad, stuffed eggplant, half roasted chicken, pan-seared red snapper, sea scallops, fresh branzino, Australian lamb chops, prime filet mignon, short ribs and dessert. In addition to the stellar food, Hopefully Forgiven will be performing live from 9 p.m.–midnight. Call for reservations. *3516 Montauk Highway, Sagaponack. 631-537-3300, oldstovepub.com*

The Chequit

If you missed Brunch with Santa at The Chequit on December 10, you won't want to miss the Holiday Sweater Party on Saturday, December 17 at 8 p.m. in The Tavern. The fun continues on December 24 with the exciting Christmas Eve Party, and yes, The Chequit is open on Christmas. *23 Grand Avenue, Shelter Island Heights. 631-749-0018, thechequithotel.com*

Baron's Cove

Baron's Cove is serving up a Christmas Day prix fixe with a menu including entrée — choice of prime rib, beach plum farm glazed ham, local halibut and wild mushrooms pappardelle — as well as appetizer, soup/salad and dessert. Dinner is available 3–9 p.m. for $125 per person. *31 West Water Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2100, caperesorts.com/barons-cove*

Canoe Place Inn

Gather friends and family for Christmas at Good Ground Tavern, the cozy bar at the Canoe Place Inn & Cottages in Hampton Bays. On Tuesday, December 20, Good Ground Tavern is offering the 12 Days of Christmas Tasting Menu, a 12-course tasting menu including festive options ranging from A Partridge in a Pear Tree (caramelized pears infused with ruby port wine and a touch of maple, served on baguette rounds with catapano chevre) all the way to 12 Drummers Drumming (pouches of drum kettle corn to-go) Every day of the iconic song is covered with creative dishes prepared by Chef Ulfet Ralph. Email dining@canoeplace.com or call to reserve your spot. The cost is $175 per person. On Christmas Eve, there will be a limited a la carte menu with specials, and on Christmas Day the restaurant will offer the regular menu, served noon–8 p.m. *329 East Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays. 631-763-6300, canoeplace.com/dining*

Rowdy Hall

Rowdy Hall in East Hampton is offering a la carte holiday specials, in addition to their regular lunch menu this Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 (closed for dinner service). The specials tentatively include seafood bisque with toasted baguette, crispy local cod cake sandwich and milk chocolate hazelnut cake. *10 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-8555, rowdyhall.com*

The Shoals

This holiday season, The Shoals in Southold has teamed up with North Fork Table & Inn, Old Field Vineyards and Southold Social to offer guests extra special dining experiences for the holidays. The Taste of Southold Package provides guests with a two-night weekend stay in a spacious suite at The Shoals, complimentary breakfast, a private wine tasting at Old Field Vineyards and three-course dinners at both North Fork Table & Inn and Southold Social. The package starts at $835 per night and is bookable through December 30. *61600 Main Road, Southold. 631-765-5121, theshoalsnorthfork.com*

The Halyard at Sound View Greenport

The Halyard has prepared a delicious three-course Christmas Eve prix fixe comprising a choice of tuna tartare or beef tartare for the appetizer, black truffle crusted cod or dry aged rack of lamb for the entrée, and a yule log for dessert. Booking can be made vie OpenTable or by phone. *58775 Route 48, Greenport. 631-477-0666, thehalyardgreenport.com*

Almond

Almond in Bridgehampton is set to host their 22nd annual Christmas Eve suckling pig roast, sourced this year from Roaming Acres Farm and served with seasonal accompaniments for $49. A portion of the revenue from Christmas Eve will be donated to the Pajama Program, which provides new pajamas and books to children in need in the United States and all around the world, many who are waiting to be adopted. The regular a la carte menu will also be available. Hours on Christmas Eve are 5–9 p.m. and Almond is closed on Christmas. *1 Ocean Road, Bridgehampton. 631-537-5665, almondrestaurant.com*

L & W Market

L & W Market has announced they will offer a special catering menu in celebration of Christmas, with a menu tentatively including a dozen deviled eggs, lobster roll sliders, lobster pumpkin bisque, honey glazed Berkshire ham, roast Long Island duckling, roast rack of lamb and roasted rosemary fingerlings. All orders must be placed by phone by Thursday, December 22 at 8 p.m. and pickup will be available on December 24 from 1–2 p.m. at Almond. *631-537-1123, landwmarket.com*

Nick & Toni's

Nick & Toni's will offer a special prix fixe menu for Christmas Eve on December 24. The three-course menu will be $125 per person and be offered from 5–10 p.m. The menu tentatively includes insalata di granchio, panzanella al mare, risotto ai frutti di mare, Stones Throw Farm polenta, pollo arrosto and torte di mele. *136 North Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-3550, nickandtonis.com*

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Something to Wine About: Long Island Bordeaux-Style Wines

BY LINDA DELMONICO PRUSSEN

The gift-giving season is upon us. For those who want to gift their Bordeaux loving friends with wines that celebrate the unique terroir of Long Island, here are two high-end, Long Island Bordeaux-style wines.

A quick refresher, to be Bordeaux wine, the wine must hail from the Bordeaux region of France. It also must contain one or more of the five noble grapes: merlot, cabernet sauvignon, malbec, petit verdot or cabernet Franc. To be a Bordeaux-style wine, the wine must still comprise the same grapes but hail from a different area. Both Long Island and the Bordeaux region experience the four seasons with Long Island's low temperatures plunging just a bit lower than the Bordeaux region, and Long Island's high temperatures reaching just a bit higher. The soil for growing Long Island wines is mostly sand and fine clay, while the soil in Bordeaux can vary widely, even in the same vineyard. Some areas have clay, limestone, sand and gravel.

Two lovely wines that exemplify Long Island Bordeaux-style wines are Macari Vineyards' 2020 Bergen Road and Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyard's 2018 Red Velvet.

Let's start with Macari's Bergen Road. Bergen Road is Macari's flagship red blend made only in premium vintages. The blend is created from 48% merlot, 47% cabernet Sauvignon and 5% malbec. This is a rich, satisfying red with a decadent, full mouth feel. The nose and palate are loaded with grilled cherry, dark berries and plum. The finish has enough balanced acidity to keep each sip tasting fresh and leave you wanting more: The wine is aged for 18 months in French oak. It retails for $75.

The next wine is Baiting Hollow Farm Vineyards 2018 Red Velvet. This wine is elegant and structured with strong tannins. The blend consists of merlot, cabernet Franc and cabernet sauvignon grapes. Notes of both dark fruits and ripe cherry blend with notes of coffee and pepper. Cabernet Franc is one of Long Island's most noted reds and often displays savory bell pepper notes. This wine is also aged in French oak barrels, and it retails for $49.50.

MACARI VINEYARDS' 2020 BERGEN ROAD AND BAITING HOLLOW FARM VINEYARD'S 2018 RED VELVET

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Ask Beatty: The Importance of Learning to Love Ourselves

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BY BEATTY COHAN, MSW, LCSW, AASECT

Every week on my "Ask Beatty Show" on the Progressive Radio Network, I ask listeners to take the time to seriously think about whether they are living their lives in ways that are in their best interest — emotionally, psychologically, physically, financially and sexually. Are their relationships with family, friends, colleagues and intimate partners satisfying and healthy? Or are they caught up in a conscious or unconscious downward cycle of destructive, self-destructive and self-sabotaging behavior? It takes a lot of courage, self-reflection and honesty to ask ourselves these questions. Many people who I have treated over the years lived their lives in quiet desperation until they were finally ready and willing to address these issues head-on.

My late father, Maurice Sair, used to tell me as a child that it was the luck of the draw who brings us into the world. We have zero choice who our parents will be. The lucky child experiences love in very concrete ways. She learns that love is caring, patience, sharing, respect, honesty, appreciation, goodness, warmth, empathy and affection. She learns that love is not abuse — verbally, physically, emotionally or sexually. Her parents teach her about the importance of setting boundaries. They lovingly explain to her in consistent ways why she can and cannot engage in certain activities or behaviors and why certain people will hurt her. If she is really fortunate, she sees her parents respecting and loving each other. It is these early unconscious lessons that set the stage for her future adult relationships. The truly loved child learns early on what healthy love is and is not. However, those who were not that lucky should not lose heart. They too can learn to have happy lives filled with love. Their challenge, however, will be to make sure that they don't inadvertently repeat their early childhood lessons of abuse or neglect. This is precisely why good professional help can provide you with invaluable insight and support that can enable you to live the life that you deserve — a life of peace, love and happiness.

I recently received an email from Ramona, a 55-year-old never-married writer, who was severely abused as a child and who, unfortunately, never learned to love herself.

Dear Beatty,

I listen to your "Ask Beatty Show" every week and read your columns and decided to see if you can help me. I mostly feel despondent and depressed, since I feel that my life has no real purpose. I have been in therapy since I was a child. Both of my parents physically, verbally and emotionally abused me for most of my childhood. My mother often hit me. I remember her throwing me down the stairs for no apparent reason, while my father — looking on — did nothing to help me. I left home at 18 and was able to obtain a four-year scholarship to Columbia University and became a writer. Writing was the one safe activity where I could express my feelings and financially support myself. My relationships with men have all been abusive in one way or another. I felt that if I showed someone — anyone — love, that I would finally get the love that I craved and be loved in return. I gave and gave love, money and sex to all of my boyfriends, who all took advantage of my generosity and goodness and who all left me in the end. I've been in a relationship with John for the past five years. He has stage 4 lung cancer. I have been his sole source of support, since he has no family. Our relationship has never been stable. I do everything for him and receive little attention and appreciation in return. He owns his own home and is self-employed. We have never discussed finances. I am thinking of selling my house and quitting my job in order to take care of him full-time and really want to know what you think.

Ramona R., Westhampton

Dear Ramona,

I'm so sorry that your life up to this point has been so disappointing and difficult. You do, however, seem to have a very clear understanding of why you have allowed the men in your life to hurt you. My question to you is this: Since we can't change our history, are you willing to take whatever steps are necessary *now* and move out of your self-destructive comfort zone? If you do decide to become John's primary caregiver, you realize, of course, that taking on this role is going to be extremely difficult. You will need some back-up. You cannot do this on your own. You will get sick if you don't take care of yourself in very concrete ways. This means getting sufficient sleep, eating well and giving yourself permission to take a break from this painful situation. As for selling your house and quitting your job to take care of your boyfriend, I would *not* suggest that you do this *unless* he is willing to provide for you financially after his death. Does he have a will? Is he willing to make you his sole beneficiary, appoint you as his power of attorney and health care surrogate and ensure that you have legal access to his bank accounts, real estate as well as his business? You deserve this. It's always difficult to have these kinds of conversations, especially when someone is terminally ill. Yet if you don't, you could potentially end up in a disastrous situation both emotionally and financially. You are at a crossroads. You need to decide whether you are on-board to finally learn to take better care of Ramona. The choice is yours! Let me know if you think I can be helpful.

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The Meaning of Chanukah: Coming Together in Light

BY RABBI JOSH FRANKLIN

Rabbi Josh Franklin of the Jewish Center of the Hamptons shares his thoughts on the history and meaning of Chanukah, which takes place this year Sunday, December 18 through Monday, December 26.

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Like most Jewish holidays, Chanukah fits into the simple pattern of "they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat." The origin of the holiday dates back to a group of Jewish rebels called the Maccabees who carried out a mutiny against the Seleucid Greek power that was occupying the land of Israel in 167 BCE. The odds of the Maccabees defeating the powerful Greek army was akin to Tunisia winning the World Cup. Yet the Maccabees prevailed, and upon their victory, they entered the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been ransacked. They sought to rededicate the Temple by rekindling its giant golden menorah. They only had enough oil, however, to last a single day. Miraculously, as the story goes, the oil lasted eight days, paving the way for our current eight-day holiday.

There are a number of ways to explain Chanukah today. It marks a miraculous military victory; it's a reminder of the miracle of the oil; and it's become a holiday of lights in a time that generally coincides with the winter solstice. The early Roman historian Josephus proclaims Chanukah as the "Festival of Lights," because "the freedom to worship had been concealed in darkness and was then brought out as a light."

There is one more thing that I find special about Chanukah every year. Chanukah unites various peoples together throughout the world and celebrates our ability to create light not just through lighting candles, and not just through our freedom to worship, but through forging sacred relationships. The Maccabees never could have imagined that a few thousand years in the future, a rabbi and a Greek Orthodox priest (Father Constantine Lazarakis) would become friends, coauthors, and show their communities just how much Jews and Greeks can learn from one another. No longer do we need a paradigm of light versus dark in relation to Chanukah. Today, we should simply focus on bringing as much light as possible into the world.

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Former Snowbird Paul Larsen of Shelter Island Dies at 100

PAUL LARSEN

Paul Frederick Larsen died peacefully at San Simeon by the Sound in Greenport on November 18, three weeks after he celebrated his 100th birthday at home on Shelter Island with his family.

Larsen and his twin brother Peder were born October 27, 1922 to Louis Heckman Larsen and his wife Anna (Leek) at home in Caldwell, NJ, where the twins and their older brother Richard grew up. They were one of the earliest pairs of twins to earn the Eagle Scout rank in New Jersey. They both matriculated to Tusculum College in Greenville, Tenn. With the outbreak of World War II, the twins left college to enlist with the U.S. Air Force in 1942 and received their wings as pilots at the same time. The Air Force then separated the twins for the first time in their lives, sending Paul to the Pacific theater and Peder to the European theater. Paul Larsen served in the South Pacific with the 6th Emergency Rescue Squadron of the Army Air Corps, flying air-sea rescue missions piloting a "Flying Boat" or PBY with rescue flights ranging from the Philippines to Japan and Korea. One of his last flights was to take media photographers up and over Hiroshima and Nagasaki to photograph the devastation.

He returned to college after receiving his discharge from the Air Force in 1946, graduated in 1949 and joined the family insurance firm of P. Larsen & Sons in Montclair NJ. He became a realtor in Montclair and expanded the family business to include real estate sales.

On February 5, 1955, Larsen married Doris Clegg at Central Presbyterian Church in Montclair. They settled in Upper Montclair, where they raised three daughters. Larsen was an active member of the Optimist Club of Montclair for many years. He was an avid boater, nature enthusiast, tinkerer and craftsperson with many interests and talents. His family had for several years during his youth rented vacation homes on Shelter Island. In the 1930s, his family purchased land and in the 1940s constructed their own vacation home on Menantic Creek. In 1963, Paul and Doris Larsen purchased their home on Menantic Creek next door to the Larsen family home. Many happy years were spent boating around and on the beaches of Shelter Island. In 1990, they retired to Venice, Fla. and Shelter Island. In 2015, they moved permanently to Shelter Island to be closer to their daughters and their families. Doris died five years ago at the age of 96.

Larsen was also predeceased by his brothers, Richard and Peder. He is survived by his daughters Alice Deupree (Marvin) of Montclair and Shelter Island, Linda McCarthy (Peter) of Shelter Island, Suzan Newcomb (Mark) of Harwich Mass.; grandson Lucas Deupree; granddaughters Morgan McCarthy, Kenna McCarthy and Lindsay Newcomb; nephew Peder Larsen and his family of Shelter Island and niece Deborah Larsen of North Port, Fla.

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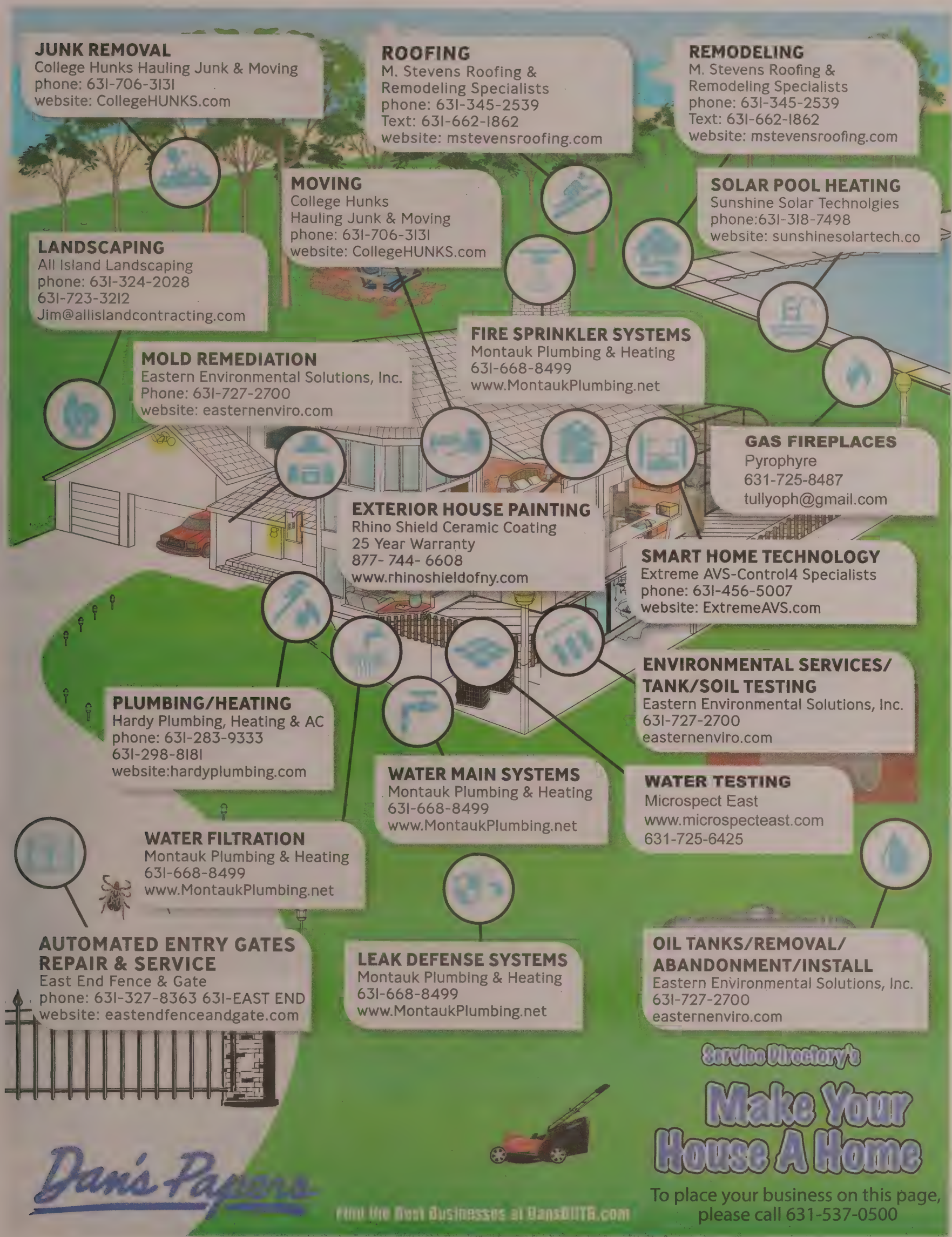
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How to Spot Mold in Your Home

Homes are safe havens and relaxing spaces for their residents. No one wants to imagine the place they call home putting their health in jeopardy, but that's precisely the case for people who live in homes where mold is present.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency notes that molds are not usually a problem indoors. However, when they are, molds produce allergens, irritants and potentially toxic substances. Molds can become problematic when spores land on wet or damp surfaces and begin growing.

If inhaled, those spores can cause allergic reactions in people with mold allergies. Even people without allergies may suffer from irritated eyes, skin, nose, throat, or lungs due to exposure to mold.

Mold also can affect the home itself, as the EPA notes that mold gradually destroys the things it grows on, potentially leading to costly remediation and renovation expenses.

Mold is sometimes visible in parts of a home. For example, mold problems in a bathroom may be recognizable when tiny black spots are present on surfaces that frequently get wet. Those areas may gradually expand from small spots to cover larger areas, such as windowsills and areas around the tub.

Other signs of mold may be less recognizable though potentially just as harmful. That's one reason why it makes sense for everyone to learn how to spot mold in a home.

LEARN WHAT MOLD LOOKS LIKE

Not all molds are black. Some are white and look like thread, but they also can have a gray-brown or gray-green tint. When peeling old wallpaper, some people may notice orange, pink or purple growth on the newly exposed walls, and that's likely mold.

IDENTIFY PROBLEMS WITH PAINT

If paint is peeling, bubbling or cracking, it's likely indicative of a mold issue. In such instances, contact a mold remediation specialist rather than simply painting over the affected areas with fresh paint.

CONDUCT A SMELL TEST

Most molds will emit a damp, musty odor. However, a lack of this distinct and unpleasant smell should not lead individuals to conclude they don't have a mold issue, as some molds do not produce an odor. In addition, the EPA notes that the smell of indoor molds can differ depending on the type of mold. Homeowners who have had mold issues in the past should not ignore a foul odor simply because it smells different from a previous infestation.

If you suspect the presence of mold, contact a mold remediation professional as soon as possible.

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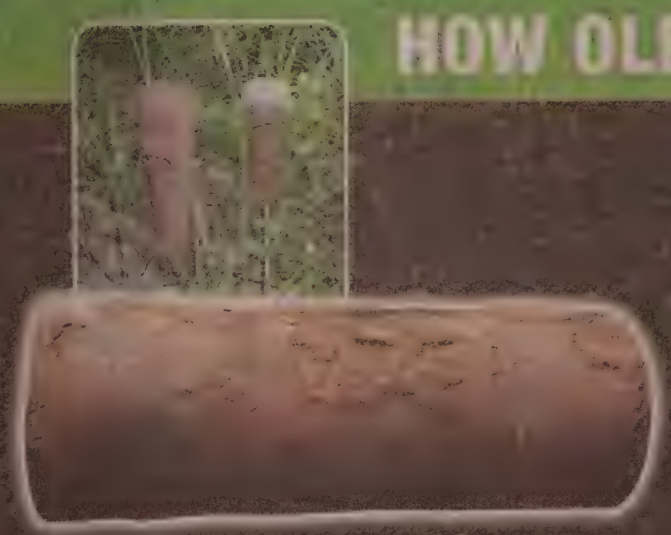

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Let's begin with the basics. Assuming somebody comes into the gallery with a pile of antiques, jewelry, watches, etc. the first thing we do is look quickly to see what they have with them and see if anything immediately jumps out as especially, possibly, rare, and valuable. Typically we follow the same criteria no matter the item. If it is a watch, we are going to look for the better brands: Rolex, Patek Philippe, Audermars Piguet, Vacheron Constantin, etc. If they are coins, we are going to see if they are gold, platinum, copper, or silver; they are then separated by date and condition. Coins are only worth premium dollars if the condition is perfect, extremely nice, or if they have a rare year mint mark which is difficult to find. If it is a piece of art, like a painting, the first thing you want to do, like with jewelry, is see if there is a specific designer, manufacturer, maker, or artist that manufactured this piece of art. The easiest way to go about that is to check for a signature. Typically art is signed and dated in the lower right hand corner. Most artists sign their work. Artists that refrain from signing would perhaps then have work that is so specific to them that one can typically deduce the name from the overall style and quality of the piece alone. Such an artist would doubtless have a reputation for not signing work. Generally speaking, all types of collectables and pieces of art that are good and high value are signed because the artist is very proud and would want to be associated with their piece, so they will put their name, completely, in its bottom right hand corner. Think back to being a kid in school, if there was a project you were very happy with you wouldn't fail to put your name on it, whereas if you didn't want anything to do with it you would trash the project prior to signing it as you didn't want to be associated with work you weren't proud of.

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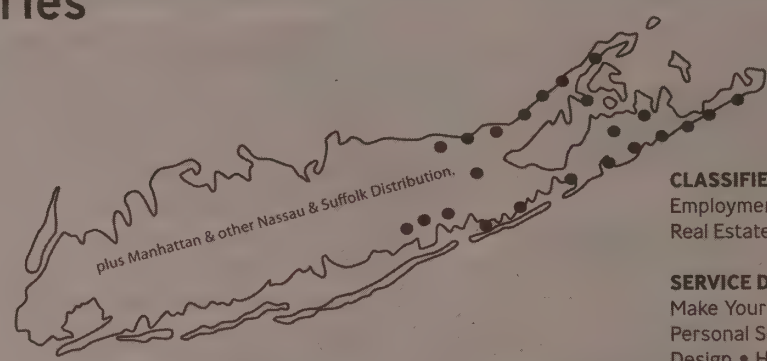

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HIGH PROFILE

High Profile: Long Island Business Leader Robert Fonti

BY TODD SHAPIRO

For the past four decades, Robert "Bob" Fonti has been a force in local political, governmental and business affairs. The Brooklyn-born Long Islander planted his roots here, and has a knack for effecting change in the name of good government and a prosperous business community.

Cutting his teeth in political affairs in the early 1980s, Fonti was a volunteer on the campaign to elect Gov. Mario Cuomo, New York's first Italian-American governor. After the campaign he would take on a position with the lietenant governor's office, while helping organize grassroots political campaigns on the side. A resident of Huntington, Fonti helped lead campaigns of various public figures at the town, county, state and federal level. His keen sense of Long Islanders' needs has enabled Fonti to influence policy and elected leaders that have helped shape Long Island as we know it.

"I had an opportunity to help make history, by doing something that was never done before in electing the first Italian-American governor," Fonti says. "Working to elect the best leaders, regardless of political affiliation, is something that I have done really throughout my whole career." Fonti was also instrumental locally in electing the state's first-ever female governor, Kathy Hochul.

Just a few years into his career in the political realm, Fonti was well-known and launched his career in real estate and land use. With a robust network of decision-makers, political leaders and the business community, this is an arena where Fonti found near-immediate success. By 1989, Fonti was named one of "New York's Top Property Managers" by *NY Habitat* magazine. He would continue to grow his company's influence through the 1990s. During this period, the Long Island real estate market evolved. By 1994, Fonti's company had a vast management portfolio, including 6 million feet of retail and commercial properties, as well as management of more than 2,300 apartments. For the past two decades, Fonti has also served in a consultant role. Given the complicated and complex field of Long Island's real estate market, Fonti has helped ensure that business owners can get shovels in the ground, to get projects off the ground and begin to benefit Long Islanders.

While many know Fonti in the political and real estate sectors, he has also been visible in the advocacy and nonprofit world. Fonti serves on various boards and is the co-chair of the Suffolk County Alliance of Chambers of Commerce, an organization that advocates for the advancement of Long Island's collective business community.

"Developing strong intergovernmental relationships and partnerships has been so important," he says. "I recently traveled into Nassau County to stand with County Executive Bruce Blakeman to help launch a 'shop local' initiative. Crossing county lines and navigating political ones for the betterment of all of Long Island's business community has been my goal. My philosophy is to drive 10 cars ahead, work with the local stakeholders, communicate and collaborate. All politics and business are local."

He is also a co-founder and past co-chair of Vision Long Island and is the Suffolk chairman of the Long Island Business Council. Both organizations have been an instrumental force in the advancement of Long Island downtowns. Hosting various summits throughout the year, Vision Long Island and the Long Island Business Council bring together the business leaders and the Island's most notable decision-makers for free-flowing discussion about what Long Island's economy will become in the future.

"I've always approached business with an island-wide focus," he says. "You can't get into Suffolk County without traveling through Nassau County. The regional approach and connecting with our partners in Nassau County helps us address the needs of the many, not of one. We all share the responsibility, and bear the burdens of small business together, so I believe we should work together.

"From our main streets, to our town and village halls, to our elected officials in Albany, investing in our downtowns means building partnerships and relationships with one another," he continues. "I believe the key to the future of a thriving Long Island economy is the 'Three C's': connection, communication and collaboration. An aligned business community, in my opinion, places us all in the same lifeboat."

It is clear that Fonti believes that Long Island's economic future is bright, if our business community makes the right investments now to prepare our island for the future. Fonti highlights the work that can be done in emerging markets, which will foster opportunities down the road.

"I encourage the people around me in the business community to think and create diversity in business and embrace emerging markets. Less is not more in this instance; instead, it is better to look at the millennial generation, Generation X population," he says. "Our roundtables of business leaders should focus on these populations, and their needs, too. Broader thinking will help drive opportunity and bring effective results to Long Island." One example of Long Island's most important public-private opportunities, Fonti notes, is the creative partnerships in Midway Crossings in the Ronkonkoma Hub. "This transformative project will be a game-changer for Suffolk County and island-wide " Fonti says.

Fonti is also commissioner of the Huntington Housing Authority, a position he has held for the past 22 years. Fonti's approach in this position has helped move the town forward, specifically through fostering discussion and dialogue outside of the

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courtroom. Through co-equally important conversations Fonti has with the community and the movers and shakers who seek to bring progress to Huntington, Fonti has earned his reputation as a problem solver around the boardroom table. "Problem solving is critical when doing business on Long Island, and being innovative and a forward thinker has always helped me foster partnerships," he says. "While always keeping a finger on the pulse in our community, I have been able to settle qualms and find solutions to issues that had persisted for sometimes 20 years or more."

Outside of the world of regional business, Fonti is actively involved in the region's robust Italian-American community. He is vice president of New York's Italian American Political Action Committee and also president of the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America. Both of these organizations have been at the forefront of issues that are facing Long Island's and New York State's Italian-American communities, and have been instrumental in the fight to preserve the heritage and history of the Italian community. For Fonti, the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association is one of his most ardent passions. The organization, named in honor of a hero NYPD officer killed in the line of duty while infiltrating organized crime, has received national acclaim.

"We must always remember those who have served and still serve, whether they're wearing a badge, a uniform, or working to help communities from the bottom up," he says. "We salute them all, and are grateful for their commitment and contributions. The largest voting block in New York State is Italian-Americans. Before we are Democrats or Republicans, you're Italian-Americans. We reach out to other ethnic communities to build a bridge to have a united voice. We have more that unites us than divides us, when we provide each other the opportunity to listen."

Fonti leads by example, with the goal of creating a thriving Long Island community from social, economic and fraternal aspects.

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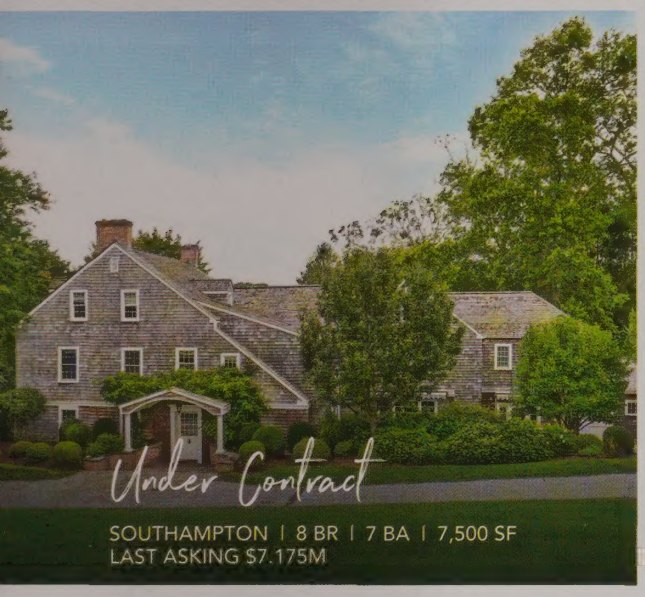

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